

County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County OLD COURTHOUSE, ROOM 49 400 WASHINGTON AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 410: 887-3180

January 28, 1994

Dr. & Mrs. Melvin N. Kramer 2406 Sugarcone Road Baltimore, MD 21209

> RE: Case No. 93-115-A Melvin N. Kramer, et ux

Dear Dr. & Mrs. Kramer:

As no further action has been taken since the Amended Order of the Board Pursuant to Joint Request for Remand from the Circuit Court for Baltimore County regarding the subject matter, we have closed the file and returned the Board's copy of same to the Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management. The Zoning Office maintains the permanent file.

Anyone interested in either the file or the exhibits is advised to contact the Zoning Director's office at 887-3353 immediately upon receipt of this letter. By copy of this letter, all parties of record that may have an interest in this file have been notified.

Very truly yours,

\_\_CIRCUIT COURT

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JOINT REQUEST TO REMAND TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

for Baltimore County remand this issue back to the County Board of

Appeals of Baltimore County since the Respondents in the initial hearing

have come to terms in the form of an Agreement and Declaration of

Covenants with the Petitioners, who, in this matter, are now the

signatures, properly witnessed and notarized, testifying to the Honorable

Court that an Agreement has been reached, which we feel not only is

acceptable to the parties, but now, with the issues of controversy

resolved, that the requested variance will be granted by the County Board

of Appeals of Baltimore County with the conditions and restrictions as

stated in the Agreement and Declaration of Covenants.

Appellant Melvin N. Kramer, hereby moves that the Circuit Court

This request is being made by all parties who have affixed their

BALTIMORE COUNTY 58/130/93CU6848

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cc: Howard L. Alderman, Jr., Esquire Dr. & Mrs. Leon Gordis Norman Seff -ADKIM Builders, Inc.

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IN THE MATTER OF

Appellants.

THE APPLICATION OF

2406 SUGARCONE ROAD

MELVIN N. KRAMER ET UX

3RD ELECTION DISTRICT

2ND COUNCILMATIC DISTRICT

462' WEST OF C/L OF GREENSPRING

AVENUE (2406 SUGARCONE ROAD)

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION \* ON REMAND FROM THE MELVIN N. KRAMER, ET UX FOR A

FOR A VARIANCE ON PROPERTY \* CIRCUIT COURT LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF

SUGARCONE ROAD, 462' WEST OF C/L \* FOR OF GREENSPRING AVENUE (2406 SUGARCONE ROAD) \* BALTIMORE COUNTY

3RD ELECTION DISTRICT 2ND COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT \* CIVIL

MELVIN N. KRAMER -PLAINTIFF \* No. 93-CV-06848 ZONING CASE NO. 93-115-A 

AMENDED ORDER OF THE BOARD PURSUANT TO JOINT REQUEST FOR REMAND FROM THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

This case comes before this Board on a Remand Order from the Circuit Court for Baltimore County dated November 2, 1993 for further consideration in light of an agreement reached by the parties.

Upon further consideration of this matter and in light of the Agreement and Declaration of Covenants entered as Appellant's Exhibit 1 and 1a (a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof),

IT IS this 9th day of December , 1993 by the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

ORDERED that the Petition for Variance from Section 1B02.3B of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations be and is hereby GRANTED subject to the Agreement and Declaration of Covenants and Drawing entered as Appellant's Exhibit 1 and 1a and which are hereby incorporated as material parts of this Order.

Any petition for judicial review from this decision must be made in accordance with Rule 7-201 through Rule 7-210 of the Maryland Rules of Procedure.

> COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

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County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

OLD COURTHOUSE, ROOM 49 400 WASHINGTON AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 (410) 887-3180

December 9, 1993

Dr. & Mrs. Melvin N. Kramer 2406 Sugarcone Road Baltimore, MD 21209

> RE: Case No. 93-115-A Circuit Court Civil Action No. 93-CV-90848 /58 /130 Melvin N. Kramer, et ux

Dear Dr. & Mrs. Kramer:

from the Circuit Court.

Enclosed please find a copy of the Amended Order issued this date by the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County upon remand

Very truly yours,

Kathleen C Wiedenburner . /-Kathleen C. Weidenhammer Administrative Assistant

cc: Howard L. Alderman, Jr., Esquire Dr. & Mrs. Leon Gordis Norman Seff /ADKIM Builders, Inc. Honorable Dana M. Levitz Copy /Circuit Ct File 93-CV-06848 P. David Fields Lawrence E. Schmidt Timothy M. Kotroco W. Carl Richards, Jr. /ZADM Docket Clerk /ZADM Arnold Jablon, Director /ZADM

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CIRCUIT COURT FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY CIVIL CATEGORY APPEAL 93CV06848 58/130

ATTORNEYS

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COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS FOR DR. AND MKS. LEUN GURDIS Protescants) Charlotte E. Radcliffe, Legal Secretary, Rm. 49 Old Courthouse Basemen 400 Washington Ave. 21204 887-3180 Howard L. Alderman, Jr. Levin & Gann, P.A. 305 West Chesapeake Avenue Suice 113 21204 321-0600

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of The County Board of Appeals and Exhibits fd. PH(2) Aug 13,1993 Rec'd 5/4/93 Petition,fd.

(3) Aug. 26, 1995 Answer of Procescancs to petition of Appeal id. Frec'd 5-16-93

IN THE MATTER OF

THE APPLICATION OF

BALTIMORE COUNTY

MELVIN N. KRAMER ET UX

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r (5)\*Oct. 7, 1993 County Board of Appeals's answer to petition for judicial review, fd. (rec'd Sept. 28, 1993)

PH(6) Nov 5,1993 Joint request and Order of Court remanding case to the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County for further consideration,

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In testimony of these facts and in witness thereof, the parties (the former Petitioners, now the Appellants, and the former Respondents, now 93 NOV -2 PM 2: 37 the Protestants) [by their attorney of record] delivered this Motion under their hands and seals this day of October, 1993. November

WITMESS/ATTEST:

APPELLANTS:

· Joseph Tolly Detec Alberra (SEAL)

STATE OF MARYLAND, COUNTY OF BALTIMORE, to wit:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 22/10 day of October, 1993, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, City of Baltimore, personally appeared MELVIN N. KRAMER and DEBBIE G. KRAMER and they acknowledged the foregoing JOINT REQUEST TO REMAND TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY to be their act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal.

My Commission Expires 3/20 95

Notary Public

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day of October 1993, a copy of the foregoing JOINT REQUEST TO REMAND TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY was hand delivered to the County Board of Appeals, of Baltimore County, Old Courthouse, Room 49, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204.

> Melvin N. Kramer 2406 Sugarcone Road Baltimore, MD 21209 (410) 484-9135

Appellant

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MELVIN N. KRAMER ET UX \* CIRCUIT COURT 2406 SUGARCONE ROAD 462' WEST OF C/L OF GREENSPRING AVENUE (2406 SUGARCONE ROAD) 3RD ELECTION DISTRICT BALTIMORE COUNTY 58/130/93CU6848 2ND COUNCILMATIC DISTRICT

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AFTER DUE CONSIDERATION OF THE JOINT REQUEST TO REMAND TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY FILED BY MELVIN N. KRAMER ET UX, 2406 SUGARCONE ROAD, 462' WEST OF C/L OF GREENSPRING AVENUE (2406 SUGARCONE ROAD), 3RD ELECTION DISTRICT, 2ND COUNCILMATIC DISTRICT, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

CASE #58/130/83CU6848 IS HEREBY REMANDED TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION IN LIGHT OF THE AGREEMENT BY THE PARTIES.

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Melvin N. Kramer, File No. 93-CV-6848 Case No. 93-116-A

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the aforegoing Certificate of Notice has been mailed to Dr. Melvin N. Kramer, 2406 Sugarcone Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21209, Plaintiff, Norman Seff - ADKIM Builders, Inc., 1221 Greenwood Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21208, Howard L. Alderman, Jr., Esquire LEVIN AND GANN, 305 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204, Attorney for Protestants, Dr. & Mrs. Leon Gordis, 2408 Sugarcone Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21208, Protestants, Michael B. Sauer, Esquire, c/o County Board of Appeals, Room 49, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204, on this 5th day of August, 1993.

> Charlotte E. Radcliffe, Legal Secretary, County Board of Appeals, Room 49, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 (410) 887-3180

County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County OLD COURTHOUSE, ROOM 49 400 WASHINGTON AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 (410) 887-3180

August 5, 1993

Howard L. Alderman, Jr., Esquire LEVIN & GANN 305 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

> RE: Case No. 93-115-A Melvin N. Kramer

Dear Mr. Alderman:

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, that an appeal has been taken to the Circuit Court for Baltimore County from the decision of the County Board of Appeals rendered in the above

Enclosed is a copy of the Certificate of Notice.

Very truly yours,

Charlette & andelype Charlotte E. Radcliffe Legal Secretary

Enclosure

cc: Norman Seff - ADKIM Builders Dr. & Mrs. Leon Gordis P. David Fields Lawrence E. Schmidt Timothy M. Kotroco Docket Clerk -Zoning

In that Opinion, which was appealed before the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County, the deficits were stated in terms of the issues by the Protestants that insufficient evidence was presented to show that we, the Petitioners, would experience practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship if the variance was denied. Furthermore, it was the Opinion of the Deputy Zoning Commissioner that the size and extent of the proposed addition could only exacerbate an existing water problem on the Protestants' property with no expert testimony to illustrate from a factual perspective this would be the case or if amelioration could be obtained without intrusion or permission onto the Protestants' property. It was concluded that, by granting the variance, there would be a detrimental effect on the community and, particularly, to Dr. and Mrs. Lean Gardis, who own the adjoining property.

At the June 1, 1993, Hearing before the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County, two experts were admitted by the Board to render their expert testimony on two issues that were addressed before the Deputy Zoning Commissioner, albeit only one was addressed in his formal written Opinion. Mr. Paul Cooper of Alex Cooper and Company, who testified as an expert residential appraiser, unequivocally stated that there would be no reduction in the value of the Protestants' property, which was an issue at the December 7th hearing and, further, gave evidence that communities in the same ZIP code and even subdivisions within one mile of the subject property had the same or less of an actual building-to-building distance than would be present if the variance were granted. The property values of these properties were equal to or significantly greater than the Greengate homes which are appraised anywhere from \$200,000 to \$280,000 according to his review and expert testimony. As an example, Mr. Cooper

problems.

sited the Summit Chase community, which is approximately one mile from the Greengate community, where homes are selling at approximately \$200,000-\$300,000 and are physically located within 27 feet of each other. Mr. Cooper, on cross-examination, stated that the addition would

enhance the value of each house because they would add utility to each home, that is assuming that we would be granted permission to build the addition on our property and the Protestants would add a similar addition (which has never been applied for) to their property.

To address the Deputy Zoning Commissioner's concern over the issue of a water problem, the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County accepted Mr. Rick Kingsbury of the firm of Ashen & Allen as an expert in landscape architecture and grading by virtue of his education, training,

experience and licensure/registration with and by the State of Maryland. Mr. Kingsbury testified that there were problems due to the topography and grading of both properties and that, in effect, the addition would not exacerbate the drainage problems on the Gordises' property if recommendations for terracing and the placement of certain drainage systems on our property were put into place. All of his recommendations were agreed upon and can be done without going onto or intruding upon the Gordises' property. Furthermore, Mr. Kingsbury stated that the Gordises' downspouts could be redirected, which would also alleviate some of their

The general contractor, Mr. Norman Seff of Adkim Builders, testified that he was confident that he and his company could construct the drainage system according to Mr. Kingsbury's recommendations and, if necessary, supervision.

County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

OLD COURTHOUSE, ROOM 49 400 WASHINGTON AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 (410) 887-3180

August 5, 1993

Dr. Melvin N. Kramer 2406 Sugarcone Road Baltimore, MD 21209

> RE: Case No. 93-115-A MELVIN N. KRAMER

Dear Dr. Kramer:

In accordance with Rule B-7(a) of the Rules of Procedure of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, the County Board of Appeals is required to submit the record of proceedings of the appeal which you have taken to the Circuit Court for Baltimore County in the above-entitled matter within sixty days.

The cost of the transcript of the record must be paid by you. In addition, all costs incurred for certified copies of other documents necessary for the completion of the record must also be at your expense.

The cost of the transcript, plus any other documents, must be paid in time to transmit the same to the Circuit Court not later than sixty days from the date of any petition you file in Court, in accordance with Rule B-7(a).

Enclosed is a copy of the Certificate of Notice which has been filed in the Circuit Court.

> Very truly yours, Charlette E. Rachelyfe Charlotte E. Radcliffe Legal Secretary

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All three witnesses, plus the undersigned Petitioner (who has testified and reviewed numerous plans for zoning boards and boards of adjustment as a municipal health officer), testified that there would, in fact, be no detriment, harm or adverse change in the health, safety or well-being of the community in general or the Gordises in particular. It is interesting to note that Dr. Leon Gordis, co-owner of the Protestants' property, is the outgoing Chairman of the Department of Epidemiology of The Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Pubic Health. However, when invited to opine on this matter from a professional perspective, Dr. Gordis refused, citing that he was an expert in epidemiology, rather than public health, and was, therefore, not qualified to opine as to whether there would be an adverse effect to the public's health, welfare, or safety.

Recognizing that this is most important in meeting Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28 (1974), we do believe we have proven through expert testimony that, if relief were granted, the public health and safety would be secured.

In their Opinion the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County stated: "The only 'hardships' he cited were ones created by the growth of his family, which were therefore self-created." In all due respect, this statement is offensive in that I dare to state that the County of Baltimore, State of Maryland, or for that matter the Government of the United States of America would not state to any citizen, whether taxpayer or welfare mother, that having two additional children is a "hardship." We do not consider this at all as a hardship, but as a blessing.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MELVIN N. KRAMER ET UX 2406 SUGARCONE ROAD \* CIRCUIT COURT 462' WEST OF C/L OF GREENSPRING AVENUE (2406 SUGARCONE ROAD) 3RD ELECTION DISTRICT BALTIMORE COUNTY 58/130/93CU6848 2ND COUNCILMATIC DISTRICT \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

We hereby Petition the Circuit Court for Baltimore County to grant our application for a relaxation of the zoning regulations decided by the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County on July 1, 1993. It was captioned as follows: IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MELVIN N. KRAMER ET UX, 2406 SUGARCONE ROAD, 462' WEST OF C/L OF GREENSPRING AVENUE (2406 SUGARCONE ROAD , BRD ELECTION DISTRICT, 2ND COUNCILMATIC DISTRICT. The number of the case was 93-115-A- MELVIN N. KRAMER, ET UX.

This matter was initially heard at a Hearing for Administrative Variance before the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County, the Honorable Timothy M. Rotroco, on December 7, 1992. Opinion was rendered on the 17th of December, 1992, that the Petition for Zoning Variance, requesting relief from Section 1802.3.8 (Section 205 of the 1955 regulations to permit a west yard setback of 5 feet in lieu of the required 15 feet for a proposed addition, was denied.

The hardship that was stated here is not the fact that we have been blessed with three children, but rather that the configuration of the dwelling and the space of the dwelling does not allow for enough bathroom facilities for three children to get ready for school in the morning with all of the arlutions required utilizing one bathroom in the family suite area of the house. Concurrently, one other bathroom of the house is being utilized by the parents, who also must be prepared to go to work, leaving one-and-a-half baths potentially vacant. The half bathroom is not set up for nor situated or large enough to permit supervision of the children during this "crunch" period of time prior to school nor is the bathroom located on the lower level where the children are afraid to go alone and, therefore, unsupervised.

It is, therefore, imperative to relieve our unreasonable hardship to be able to create another bathroom in the family suite area, thereby necessitating the realignment of the existing space and the expansion out of the westerly side of the dwelling. Furthermore, the master bedroom has inadequate closet and bathroom space. In this proposal we would be able to realign the bedroom area to maximize bathroom and bedroom space to meet both present and any future potential needs, including the addition to our family of another child or the eventual necessity for us to house an aging parent.

In the Opinion which was issued on July 1, 1993, the Board was in error to state that it is not a hardship for three children to share a bathroom as it is a practical difficulty and unreasonable hardship for them to do so. The application for the 5 foot setback was the minimum relief necessary and a lesser setback would not give reasonable relief. That is why a 12-foot addition and not a 14-foot addition was requested,

Petition

which would have triggered a request for a greater relaxation of the zoning regulation.

There is no question from this Opinion that the weight of the Protestants' testimony as to how they view their property and the enjoyment of their property was more seriously considered than our aforementioned hardship. Dr. Gordis testified that he and his wife were considering building a sunroom on the east side of their property which faces the west side of our property where the proposed addition would be. There is serious question whether this statement, couched as it was, was truthful since days after the hearing the Gordises purchased another house and their house was placed on the market and advertised for sale, complete with a sign posted by Prudential Real Estate Company.

Therefore, the truthfulness of Dr. Gordis's testimony is questioned and the weight of the entire Gordises' protest is significantly reduced. The fact that they have purchased another dwelling and are selling the property at 2408 Sugarcone Road should furthermore tilt the scales to the granting of the variance since, in effect, the Gordises now, as on the date of the hearing, have less standing than if, indeed, they honestly and genuinely were living in the house and had every intention to stay there and to construct this "sunroom."

It is, therefore, our position that we are still seeking the construction of a 12-foot addition on the west side of the property, requiring a 10-foot variance. It is our position that the County Board of Appeals for Baltimore County erred in not recognizing the legitimate undue hardship that the failure to grant this Petition has and will mean to us as well to recognize that there will be no adverse effect to the health, safety or welfare of the community or to the Protestants, the Gordises.

<u>Petition</u>

It is, therefore, our request that the Circuit Court for Baltimore County to grant the relief sought, which is the granting of a 10-foot variance to allow the west side yard setback to be 5 feet instead of the required 15 feet. There is no question, as stated in <u>Loyola Federal Savings and Loan Ass'n v. Buschman</u>, 227 Md. 243; 176 355 (1961), that "variances going to such matters as area, height restrictions or setbacks are much less drastic than those affecting the use of property."

Melvin N. Kramer

### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day of August 1993, a copy of the foregoing PETITION was hand delivered to the County Board of Appeals, of Baltimore County, Old Courthouse, Room 49, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204, and mailed, first class mail, postage prepaid, to Dr. and Mrs. Leon Gordis, Protestants, 2408 Sugarcone Road, Baltimore, MD 21209, and to Howard L. Alderman, Jr., Esq., Counsel for Dr. and Mrs. Leon Gordis, Protestants, 305 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, MD 21204.

Melvin N. Kramer 2406 Sugarcone Road Baltimore, MD 21209 (410) 484-9135

Petitioner

\* CIRCUIT COURT

BALTIMORE COUNTY 58/130/93CU6848

AFTER DUE CONSIDERATION OF THE PETITION FOR HEARING BY MELVIN N. KRAMER ET UX, 2406 SUGARCONE ROAD, 462' WEST OF C/L OF GREENSPRING AVENUE (2406 SUGARCONE ROAD), 3RD ELECTION DISTRICT, 2ND COUNCILMATIC DISTRICT, IT IS HEREBY CROERED THIS DAY OF , 1993, THAT THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY WILL HEAR THIS PETITION FOR RELIEF FROM THE OPINION OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY.

IN THE MATTER OF

THE APPLICATION OF MELVIN N. KRAMER ET UX

2406 SUGARCONE ROAD

3RD ELECTION DISTRICT

462' WEST OF C/L OF GREENSPRING

AVENUE (2406 SUGARCONE ROAD)

2ND COUNCILMATIC DISTRICT

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IN THE MATTER OF

THE APPLICATION OF

MELVIN N. KRAMER ET UX

2406 SUGARCONE ROAD \*

462' WEST OF C/L OF GREENSPRING \* FOR

AVENUE (2406 SUGARCONE ROAD)

3RD ELECTION DISTRICT \* BALTIMORE COUNTY

2ND COUNCILMATIC DISTRICT

# NOTICE FOR FILING ORDER FOR APPEAL

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WE HEREBY APPEAL TO THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY A DECISION TO REJECT CUR APPLICATION FOR A RELAXATION OF THE ZONING REGULATIONS DECIDED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY ON JULY 1, 1993. IT WAS CAPTIONED AS FOLLOWS: IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MELVIN N. KRAMER ET UX, 2406 SUGARCONE ROAD, 462' WEST OF C/L OF GREENSPRING AVENUE (2406 SUGARCONE ROAD), 3RD ELECTION DISTRICT, 2ND COUNCILMATIC DISTRICT. THE NUMBER OF THE CASE WAS 93-115-A- MELVIN N. KRAMER, ET UX. A COPY OF THE OFINION IS HEREBY ATTACHED.

PURSUANT TO RULE 1-321, A COPY OF THIS ORDER FOR APPEAL WAS HAND DELIVERED AND SERVED UPON THE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY.

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# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 30 day of July, 1993, a copy of the foregoing ORDER FOR APPEAL was hand delivered to the County Board of Appeals, of Baltimore County, Old Courthouse, Room 49, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204, and mailed, first class mail, postage prepaid, to Dr. and Mrs. Leon Gordis, Protestants, 2408 Sugarcone Road, Baltimore, MD 21209, and to Howard L. Alderman, Jr., Esq., Counsel for Dr. and Mrs. Leon Gordis, Protestants, 305 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, MD 21204.

Melvin N. Kramer 2406 Sugarcone Road Baltimore, MD 21209 (410) 484-9135

Petitioner

IN THE MATTER OF
THE APPLICATION OF
MELVIN N. KRAMER ET UX
2406 SUGARCONE ROAD 44
462' WEST OF C/L OF GREENSPRING
AVENUE (2406 SUGARCONE ROAD)
3RD ELECTION DISTRICT
2ND COUNCILMATIC DISTRICT

\* CIRCUIT COURT

\* FOR

\* BALTIMORE COUNTY

# ORDER FOR APPEAL

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AFTER DUE CONSIDERATION OF THE APPLICATION FOR APPEAL BY MELVIN N. KRAMER ET UX, 2406 SUGARCONE ROAD, 462' WEST OF C/L OF GREENSPRING AVENUE (2406 SUGARCONE ROAD), 3RD ELECTION DISTRICT, 2ND COUNCILMATIC DISTRICT, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THIS DAY OF THAT THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY WILL HEAR THIS APPEAL FROM THE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY.

JUDGE

# ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Flease enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the above-captioned matter. Notices should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and of the passage of any preliminary or final Order.

Peter Max Zimmerman
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

Carole S. Demilio
Deputy People's Counsel
Room 47, Courthouse
400 Washington Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204
(410) 887-2188

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 5th day of August, 1993, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Dennis E. Cuomo, Esquire, 1018

Dulaney Valley Rd., Towson, MD 21204, Attorney for Petitioners; Ms. Kathleen Stringfield. Dulaney Towers Maintenance Corp., 911 Locustvale Rd., Towson, MD 21204; Mr. Harold W. Tinsley, Director of Physical Plant, Goucher College, 1021 Dulaney Valley Rd., Towson, MD 21204; and Mr. Joseph Wantz, Towson Park Community Corp., 940 Radcliffe Rd., Towson, MD 21204.

Peter Max Zimmerman

IN THE MATTER OF

THE APPLICATION OF

MELVIN R. KRAMER, ET UX

FOR A VARIANCE ON PROPERTY

LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF

SUGARCONE ROAD, 462' WEST OF C/L

OF GREENSPRING AVENUE

(2406 SUGARCONE ROAD)

3RD ELECTION DISTRICT

2ND COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT

\* BEFORE THE

\* COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS

\* OF

SHALTIMORE COUNTY

\* CASE NO. 93-115-A

### RULING ON APPELLANTS' MOTIONS TO RECONSIDER

Upon this Board's review and consideration of the two Motions to Reconsider filed by Appellants in the above-captioned case and the Response in opposition thereto filed by Appellees,

IT IS HEREBY this  $x \neq 0$  day of July, 1993 by the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County ORDERED that

- Appellants' request for a hearing on their motions is hereby DENIED; and
- 2. Appellants' Motions to Reconsider are hereby

COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Judson H. Lipowitz, Acting Chairman

5. Diane Levero

County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

OLD COURTHOUSE, ROOM 49 400 WASHINGTON AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 (410) 887-3180

July 20, 1993

Dr. & Mrs. Melvin N. Kramer 2406 Sugarcone Road Baltimore, MD 21209

> RE: Case No. 93-115-A Melvin N. Kramer, et ux

Dear Dr. & Mrs. Kramer:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Board's Ruling on Appellants' Motions to Reconsider issued this date by the County Board of Appeals in the subject matter.

Very truly yours,

Charlotte E. Radcliffe Legal Secretary

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cc: Howard L. Alderman, Jr., Esquire Dr. & Mrs. Leon Gordis

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a further hearing to clarify and introduce evidence to support its position

- There is no authority for this Board to reopen the hearing on the merits of Appellants' initial request after a final order has been entered. The Board has revisory power only in the event of fraud, mistake or irregularity.
- As the appellate courts of this State have noted, there must be a finality to the fact-finding process. Maryland State Police v. John M. Zeigler, 85 Md. App. 272 (1991). In the Zeigler case the administrative agency reopened an evidentiary hearing during deliberations and before a final decision was made. The Court of Special Appeals of Maryland held that the reopening of the case was legal error, finding that the fact-finding process must end at some point. That holding is even more poignant in the Board's consideration of Appellants' motion since a final decision and order has been entered.
- Appellants on or about July 7, 1993, that pleading fails to establish any newly discovered, legally credible evidence that might justify that the variance sought by Appellants is the minimum relief necessary. Appellees deny that Baltimore County has a policy to "grant such variances routinely or that there is any legal authority for the new request by Appellants for a "conditional variance." The veried attack on the veracity of Dr. Gordis [which very well may be actionable] should be ignored as it is irrelevant to the issues before this Board.
- Appellees have credible responses to the bald and legally unsupported post-hearing assertions of Appellants, however, since such matters are irrelevant to the legal issues before this Board the Appellees will merely deny the assertions without further argument.
  - The July 1, 1993 decision of this Board is FINAL. If Appellants are dissatisfied

with the order of this Board, their right of appeal has not be infringed or otherwise impaired. An ample opportunity to make a full and complete record was afforded Appellants. Neither Appellees nor this Board should be required to endure Appellants' efforts (which may be endless) to continually attempt to add further irrelevant evidence in support of its request which can not be justified as a matter of applicable law.

WHEREFORE. Appellees respectfully request that this Board:

- A DENY Appellants' Motion to Reconsider [sic] this Board's sound and legally reasoned decision in this case;
  - B. DENY Appellants' request for a hearing on their motion; and
  - GRANT to Appellees such further relief as the nature of this case may require.

Howard L. Alderplan, Jr.
LEVIN & GANN, P.A.
305 West Chesapeake Avenue
Suite 113
Towson, MD 21204
(410) 321-0600
Attorney for Appellees

# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 8th day of July, 1993, a copy of the foregoing Appellees' Response to Motion for Reconsideration was mailed via First Class, United States Mail to Dr. and Mrs. Leon Gordis, 2408 Sugarcone Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21209, and to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin N. Kramer, 2406 Sugarcone Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21209

Howard L. Alderman Jr

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF MELVIN R. KRAMER ET UX FOR A
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NORTH SIDE OF SUGARCONE ROAD, 462'
WEST OF c/l OF GREENSPRING AVENUE
(2406 SUGARCONE ROAD)
3rd ELECTION DISTRICT
2nd COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT

BEFORE THE

COUNTY BOARD

OF APPEALS FOR

BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No.: 93-115-A

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APPELLEES' RESPONSE TO MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

Dr. and Mrs. Leon Gordis, Appellee's in the above-captioned matter, by and through their undersigned legal counsel, file this Response in opposition to Appellants' Motion to Reconsider [sic] and state further that:

- 1. Melvin R. Kramer, et ux ("Appellants") had a full and complete opportunity at the hearing held by this Board to present and introduce evidence, examine witness (both in support and opposition of Appellants' request), to call both expert and lay witnesses in support of their request, and to testify in support of the relief that Appellants' were seeking.
- 2. Appellants, as the master of their own case, had ample opportunity at the Board's hearing to introduce all evidence relevant to their request.
- 3. Appellants completed their case and rested on the record prior to the start of Appellees' case in opposition to the zoning variance relief sought by Appellants.
- Subsequent to this Board's July 1, 1993 decision to grant in part and deny in part Appellants' requested relief, Appellants have purported to file two (2) separate motions to reconsider [sic].
- Appellants suggest, in the first purported Motion to Reconsider [sic], that their

failure to meet the minimum legal requirements justifying a variance from the Baltimore County

Zoning Regulations was based, in part, on Appellees' "lack of appropriate cross-examination".

The failure of Appellees to prove the burden legally placed on Appellant in seeking its
extraordinary relief is no basis for further consideration of this matter

- Appellants, after having concluded their case in chief, now seek a rehearing of the issues before this Board to enable them to present additional evidence which they should have introduced at the previous hearing held, there is not so much as a suggestion that Appellants' request is based on the legal standards governing the introduction of post-decision evidence.
- Appellants, in their motions filed with this Board, attempt to enter additional evidence in the record of this matter, which evidence contradicts that presented at the hearing held
- Appellants attempted to call and qualify Dr. Leon Gordis as their expert witness. Dr. Gordis was appearing in his capacity as a property owner, a taxpayer, and a party aggrieved by the relief sought by Appellants. Dr. Gordis properly objected to being called as an expert by Appellants in that he appeared in opposition to Appellants' request, he was never retained by or compensated as an expert by Appellants, and any such appearance would have, therefore, created an ethical conflict of interest for Dr. Gordis
- The relief sought on motion by Appellants i.e. to show why Appellants completely failed to introduce any 'floor plans' and why the relief sought is "the minimum relief necessary" should be denied. If this Board were to reopen the proceedings in this case for the frivolous reasons stated by Appellants, there will never be an end to hearings held. In nearly every decision, one side in the inner will be displeased with the decision of the Board and will request

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF MELVIN R. KRAMER ET UX FOR A
VARIANCE ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE
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<u>ORDER</u>

Upon consideration of the two Motions to Reconsider filed by Appellants in the above-captioned case and the Response in opposition thereto filed by Appellees, it is this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of July, 1993 ORDERED by the County Board of Appeals for Baltimore County that:

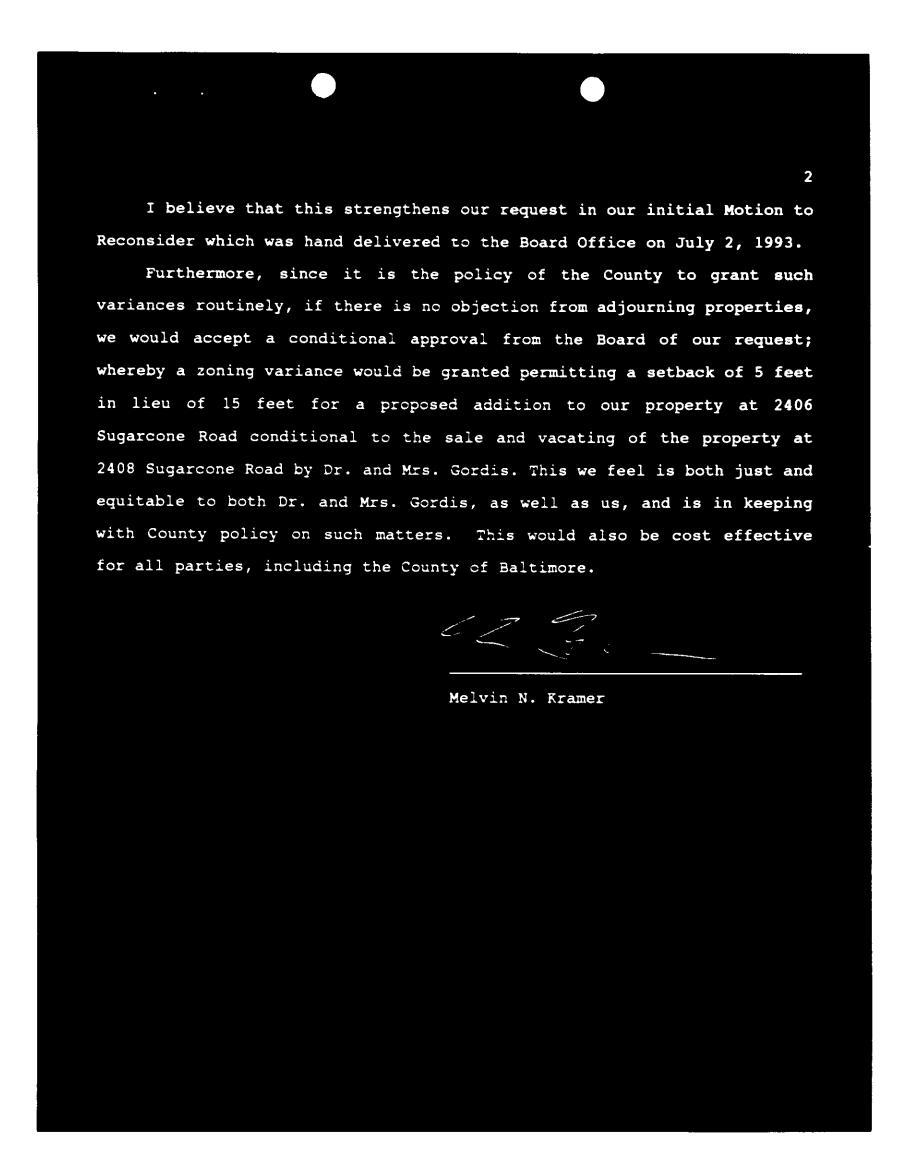
- Appellants' request for a hearing on their motions is hereby DENIED; and
- 2. Appellants' Motions for Reconsideration are hereby DENIED with prejudice

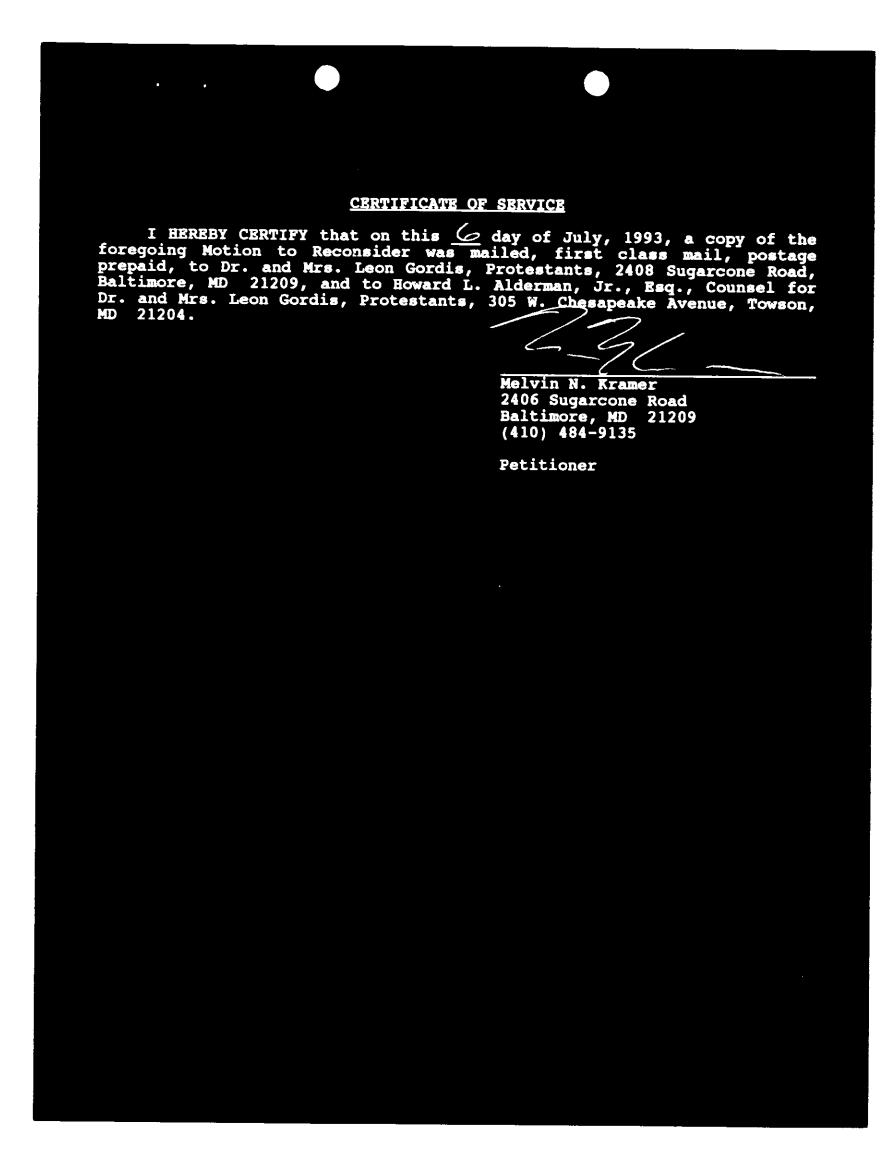
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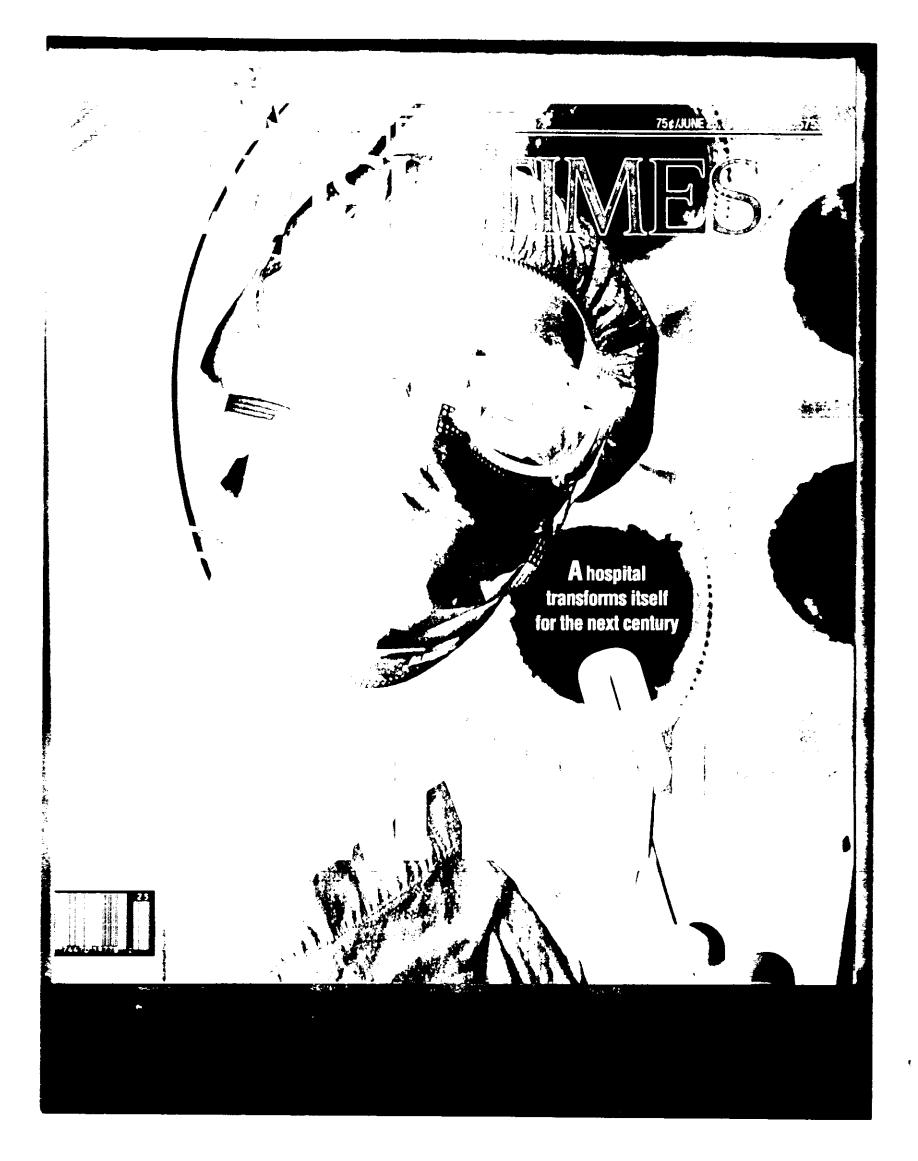
Pursuant to Rule 10 of the Revisory Power of the Board of Appeals of Baltimore County we do hereby request the scheduling by the Board to hear brief arguments on this Motion. On July 1, 1993, we were denied a zoning variance which would have permitted a setback of 5 feet in lieu of 15 feet for a proposed addition to the property at 2406 Sugarcone Road. We have new information since drafting our July 2, 1993 request to the Board that further merits the Board's attention.

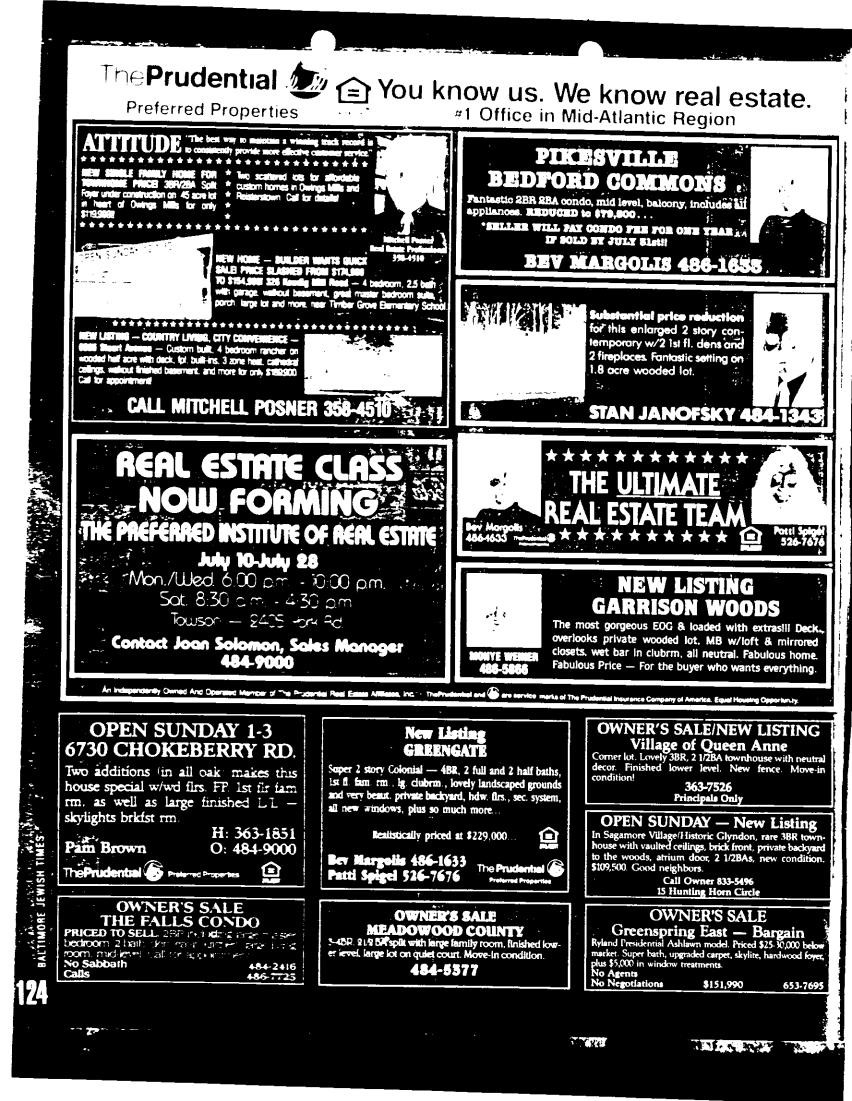
Enclosed please find a copy of an ad from the real estate section of the Baltimore Jewish Times, dated July 2, 1993, as well as one dated June 25, 1993, which shows that the Gordis house at 2408 Sugarcone Road is up for sale. In fact, not only is their home for sale, but Dr. and Mrs. Gordis have confirmed to me, both personally and through another source, that they have purchased another dwelling in the Stevenson section of Baltimore County. If the Board of Appeals had been informed of these facts and plans, it would have given less weight to the protests of the Gordises. Their contractual commitment to move should also place in question the continuing truthfulness of Dr. Gordis' testimony to the Board in reference to their intentions for an "addition" to their side of their house (a "sun room").

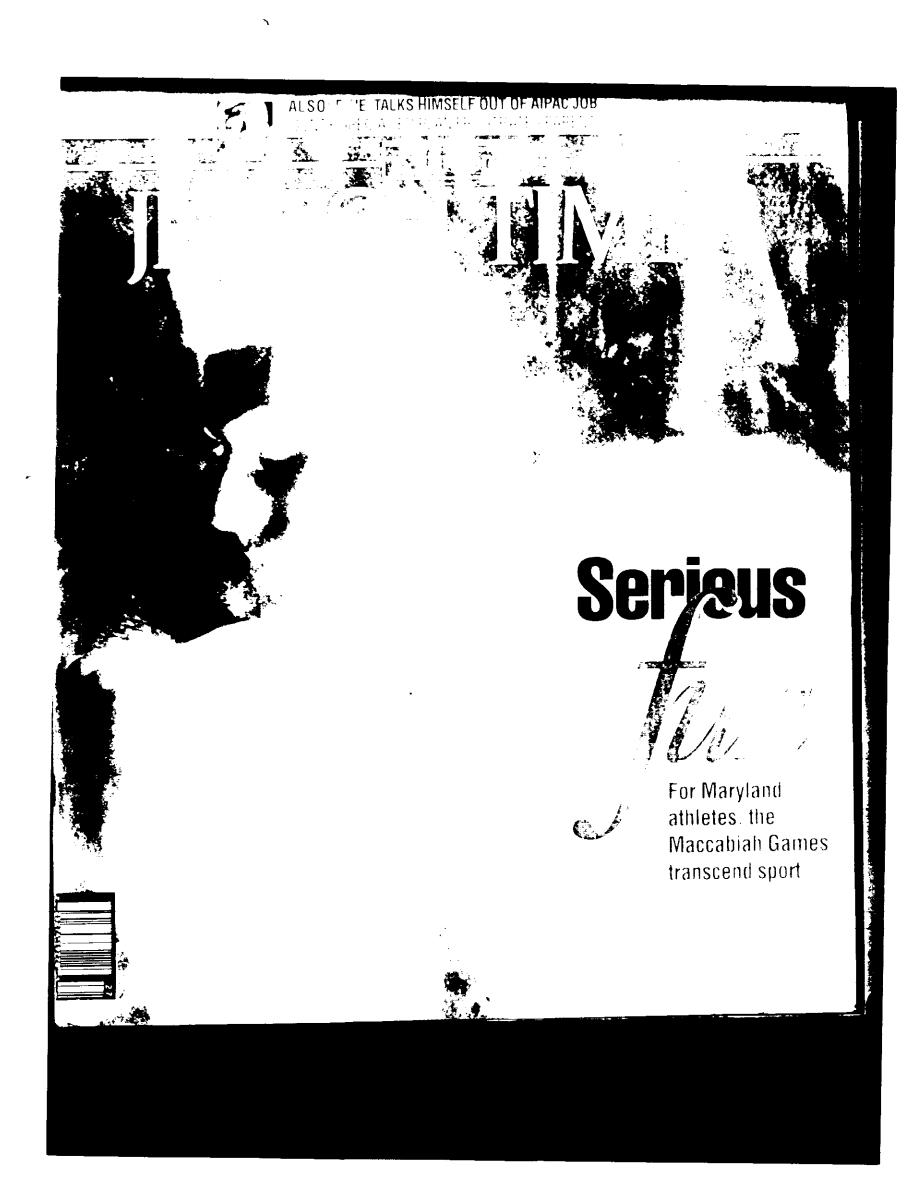
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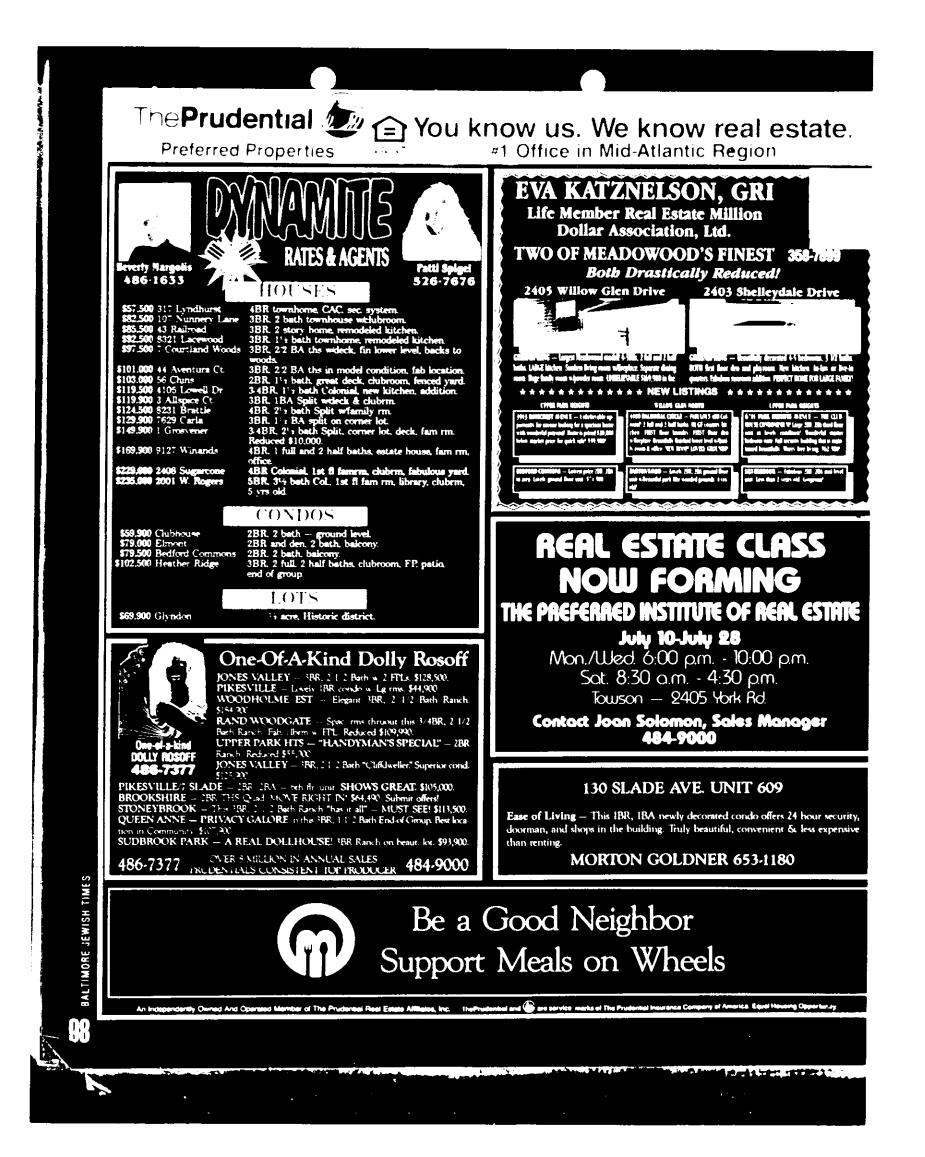


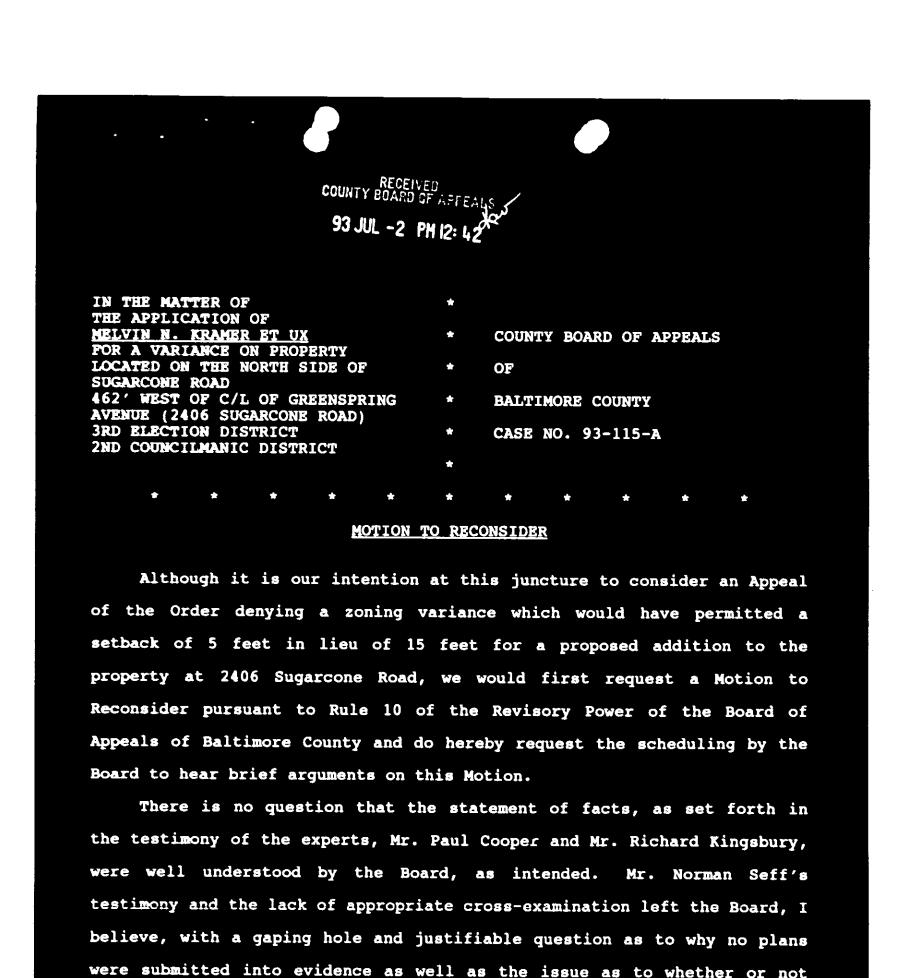












the requested variance of 5 feet in lieu of 15 feet was the minimum

necessary or whether a lesser relaxation of the setback requirements

would give substantial relief. The Board indicated that it had no idea

years ago when they purchased their house based on the space between the houses should not be an overwhelming consideration and is, in our opinion, been given extraordinary weight. Clearly, even if the Gordises were to build a sunroom (which Dr. Gordis testified was purely something that had been discussed in passing, and no plans, no contractors or any other preparatory actions were taken along these lines), the distances between the houses, given their 10-foot addition along with our proposed addition, would not be dissimilar to other houses on both sides of Sugarcone Road and, as testified by Mr. Cooper, an expert real estate appraiser, there are within a mile to several miles of Sugarcone Road developments whereby the houses are even closer and the property values are significantly higher.

We take issue with the Roard's characterization that it

what the minimum relief would be for an additional bath, the expansion of

the bedroom and an additional bedroom. Since these are the reasons that

the Board denied the variance, claiming that we, the Petitioners, have

not met the legal requirements for the variance, we strongly believe that

these points can be clarified during a brief hearing arguing these

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We take issue with the Board's characterization that the only hardships cited were ones created by the growth of our family, which were, therefore, "self-created." No one can argue the biological facts of how families grow. However, in this day and age of family values, having three children, as the Gordises do, is not something that I believe we should be penalized in the process because we chose to have three children rather than one child, as was the case when we moved into

this property. I believe there is an issue of comparative hardship when one looks at one's standard of living. As a public health practitioner with significant experience in housing, as well as planning and zoning, one certainly can point to the fact that a significant portion of the population of our County, our State and our nation lives in substandard housing wherein greater hardship may occur. However, for this family, the hardship that has been outlined is genuine and real and should not be given a cursory glance because we had one child when we purchased the house and now have three children. The plain facts are that having three children sharing one bathroom, particularly in the morning and evening, is a significant burden despite having other toilet facilities located elsewhere in the house. When supervision and assistance during these periods of time is so critical in getting everyone, including the children, up and out on a tight time schedule is indeed a significant hardship to us.

Even though Dr. Gordis holds both a doctorate in public health as well as a degree as a medical doctor and is full professor and chairman of the Department of Epidemiology at The Joins Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health, he refused to categorize himself or be admitted as an expert in public health issues, which by its very nature one could challenge as being on the verge of perjury. Dr. Gordis, although the outgoing Chairman of the Department of Epidemiology, clearly has had a distinguished career in public health and is widely recognized as an expert, serving on numerous National Institute of Health and National Science Foundation committees, task forces and advisory boards in which his expertise in public health is a vital requisite.

Furthermore, Dr. Gordis has performed considerable consulting and teaching in the areas of public health on an international basis. Therefore, his refusal to be characterized as an expert is not only misleading to the Board, but also shows me that he cannot, in good faith, as an expert, rather than a lay person, state that there would be any injury to the public's health, safety or welfare by the Board's granting our request. This fact does meet our burden of the quintessential Maryland Appellate decision not to adversely affect the health, safety or welfare of others if our Petition is granted.

Conversely, the water problem that exists on the Gordises' property, partially due to the topographical nature of their property as well as the manner by which they choose to have their downspouts flush water collected by their leaders and gutters onto their property and partially due to the topographical features of our property, which does swale some of the water onto their property, would be substantially reduced by allowing us to build the addition. This was brought out by through the testimony of Mr. Richard Kingsbury, a licensed landscape architect in the State of Maryland and whose expertise was accepted by the Board.

It is our desire that, on closer examination of the points initially raised in this Motion to Reconsider, that the Board will alter their opinion and save us and the Gordises the financial burden of a full Appeal to the Circuit Court and/or other remedies which are available to us, if it should be necessary to pursue those options.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the honorable County Board of Appeals for hearing this case, processing this information, and giving us the opportunity to present a brief argument and addressing the issues, which I believe can be conducted within an hour vis-a-vis why there were no floor plans, as well as whether the requested variance of 5 feet in lieu of 15 feet was the minimum necessary or whether a lesser relaxation of the setback requirements would give substantial relief.

Melvin N. Kramer

cc: Dr. and Mrs. Leon Gordis
Howard L. Alderman, Jr., Esq.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 2 day of July, 1993, a copy of the foregoing Motion to Reconsider was mailed, first class mail, postage prepaid, to Dr. and Mrs. Leon Gordis, Protestants, 2408 Sugarcone Road, Baltimore, MD 21209, and to Howard L. Alderman, Jr., Esq., Counsel for Dr. and Mrs. Leon Gordis, Protestants, 305 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, MD 21204.

Melvin N. Kramer 3406 Sugarcone Road Baltimore, MD 21209 (410) 484-9135

Petitioner

# OPINION

This matter comes to the Board on appeal from the decision of the Deputy Zoning Commissioner dated Decmber 17, 1992, denying in part and granting in part with restrictions a Petition for Variance. The Petitioner herein requests a variance from Section 1B02.3.B of the Baitimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR) to permit a west side yard setback of 5 feet in lieu of the required 15 feet for a proposed addition.

The Deputy Zoning Commissioner granted the Petitioner's request for an east side yard setback of 14.5 feet in lieu of the required 15 feet to legitimize the location of the existing dwelling, but defined his request for the west side yard setback.

The Petitioner represented himself and presented as witnesses Paul R. Cooper, of Alex Cooper Auctioneers; Richard Kingsbury, of Anshen & Allen landscape architects; and Norman Seff, with ADKIM Builders.

The Protestants, Dr. and Mrs. Leon Gordis, were represented by Howard L. Alderman, Jr., Esquire.

Road, consists of .48 acres, more or less, zoned D.R. 2 and is improved with a single family dwelling and in-ground swimming pool. The Petitioner wants to construct a 12-foot addition on the west side of the subject property, extending to approximately 5 feet from the adjoining property line with the Gordis property. The proposed addition would reduce the 42-foot space between the two dwellings to 30 feet.

Mr. Cooper, who testified as an expert residential appraiser, testified that he measured the distance between the Petitioner's home and the neighboring dwelling on the east side, as well as the distance between the houses at 2405 and 2407 Sugarcone Road and the distance

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between the houses at 2407 and 2409 Sugarcone Road, and in each case the distance was 30 feet. He testified that in the Summit-Chase community, about 1 mile from the community of Greengate, in which the subject property is located, homes that sell for \$200,000 to \$300,000 are located within 27 feet of each other. He testified that Summit-Chase is a comparable community to Greengate, where the prices of homes range from \$200,000 to \$280,000.

Mr. Cooper testified that in his opinion there would not be any adverse financial impact on neighboring properties, nor would there be any adverse effect on the public health, safety or general welfare if the variance were granted.

On cross examination, Mr. Cooper further testified that in his opinion, there would be no adverse effect on property values even if the Gordises would subsequently expand their home 10 feet in the direction of the subject property, thus building it to the limits of their 15-foot side yard setback and leaving only 20 feet between the two homes. The additions would enhance the value of each house because they would add utility to the homes, he testified.

Mr. Kingsbury, whom the Board accepted as an expert in landscape architecture and grading, testified that he saw eroded conditions and mottled soil that indicated poor drainage conditions on both the Petitioner's and the Gordis property, but that if the Petitioner were to take certain precautions during construction and terrace existing slopes, the proposed addition would not exacerbate the drainage problems on the Gordis property. He testified that the Gordis drainage problems are partially caused by problems on the Petitioner's property, but they could be corrected and should not be the deciding factor on whether the addition should be allowed.

Mr. Seff. the contractor for the proposed addition, testified as an expert in building construction and remodeling. He testified that the addition would conform with the existing house. An artist's rendering of the proposed addition was submitted as evidence, but no plans were submitted as evidence.

Mr. Seff testified that the proposed addition would provide an extra bedroom, a new full bathroom and an expanded bedroom in the upstairs, and add increased closet space, storage room and office space as well as expand the family room downstairs. He testified that the approximate cost would be \$100,000.

Mr. Seff further testified that he was confident he could construct the drainage improvement

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without encroaching on the neighboring property. He testified that the general reason for remodeling is affordability versus the expense of moving, and that in his opinion the denial of the requested variance would impose a hardship on the Petitioner based on his need to expand.

Dr. Gordis testified that he and his wife made a decision to purchase their house strongly based on the general spaces between the houses, and that allowing the Petitioner to build to within 5 feet of the adjoining property line would be an encroachment, and would be taking advantage of the fact that his house is built further back from the property line than required.

He testified that he and his wife have discussed building a sunroom addition, but that extending their house to the 15-foot setback would make the two houses too close, if the Petitioner's variance request were granted. Dr. Gordis further testified that the drainage problem on his property began when the Petitioner built a concrete path on the side of his property, and that no attempt has been made to resolve the problem. He testified that an addition to the Petitioner's house would reduce the area of ground that could absorb run-off and could worsen the drainage problem on his own property.

Dr. Gordis conceded in his testimony that there are only two basement windows on the side of his house adjoining the Petitioner's house, and that most of the time the blinds are down and they therefore do not see the Petitioner's house from that side.

The Petitioner, Melvin N. Kramer, testified that he and his wife purchased the subject property 10 years ago, when they had one daughter. He testified that they now have three daughters, who must share one bathroom, which is a significant hardship and burden; that their closet space is totally inadequate, and that they can't enjoy the house in its present configuration. He further testified that he can't afford to move, nor does he want to move, because he likes the neighborhood in which the subject property is located.

On cross examination he testified that the house has four bedrooms and 3 1/2 bathrooms, but that one bath is attached to the master bedroom and one bedroom and bathroom are used by the live-in nanny.

Section 307.1 of the BCZR states, in pertinent part, as follows:

"... (T)he County Board of Appeals, upon appeal, shall have and they are hereby given the power to grant variances from height and area regulations..., only in cases where special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or structure which is the subject of the variance request and where strict compliance with the Zoning Regulations for Baltimore County would result in practical difficulty or unreasonable

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The Pentioner presented no evidence to show that any special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or structure of the subject property that would cause strict compliance with zoning regulations to result in practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship. The only "hardships" he cited were ones created by the growth of his family, which were therefore self-

It is well settled that variances may be granted where it is established that strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and his property.

McLean v. Soley. 270 Md. 216, (1973). The requirements that first must be met to prove practical difficulty are the following:

- whether strict compliance with the requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily
- whether the grant would do substantial injustice to applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give substantial relief; and
- whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured. Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28 (1974).
- The Board finds that the Petitioner can, in fact, continue to use the property for a permitted purpose, without the addition.

The Petitioner particularly stressed that it is a significant hardship and burden to have three children share a bathroom. The Board is of the opinion that the sharing of 3 1/2 baths by five tamily members and a nanny does not constitute practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship.

Further, the Petitioner did not present any testimony as to whether the requested variance of 5 feet in heu of 15 feet was the minimum relief necessary, or whether a lesser relaxation of the setback requirements would give substantial relief. The Board has no idea what the minimum relief would be for an additional bath, the expansion of an existing bedroom and the addition of a bedroom.

For these reasons, the Board finds that the Petitioner has not met the legal requirements for a variance and will deny the variance.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE this 1 3T day of Duly Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

ORDERED that the Petition for Zoning Variance to permit a west side yard setback of 5 feet in lieu of the required 15 feet for a proposed addition be and is hereby DENIED; and it is

ORDERED that the Petition for Zoning Variance to permit an east side yard setback of 14.5 feet in lieu of the required 15 feet, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restriction:

- The Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioners would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original
- Any appeal from this decision must be made in accordance with Rules B-1 through B-13 of the Maryland Rules of Procedure.

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alleviate the water problems. Mr. Seth testified that they propose improvements to the existing grade of the property as well as the installation of rainspouts and gutters to channel water runoff from the dwelling to the rear of the subject lot. Testimony indicated the water runoff would be channeled through a perforated pipe that would discharge in the rear area of the Petitioners' lot. Mr. Seth testified that in order to make these improvements to the grade of the property, it would be necessary to encroach upon the Gordis' property. Testimony indicated that to date, the Gordis have not agreed to allow the Contractor to encroach on their property in order to make these improvements.

Mr. Seth further testified that his company specializes in renovations and additions to existing structures. He testified that in his opinion, it would not be possible to detect that the proposed addition was not part of the original structure. He stated that the proposed addition will blend very well into the existing home and will be aesthetically

Appearing and testifying in opposition to the Petitioners' remest was Mrs. Elie Gordis, the adjoining property owner on the affected side who requested the public hearing. Mrs. Gordis testified as to the water problem that currently exists on her property. She stated that this water problem developed as a result of Mr. Kramer's installation of a concrete walkway and steps on his property. She stated that she never had a water problem prior to the installation of this concrete walkway and  $^{\circ}$  steps. Mrs. Gordis testified that she is fearful that the proposed addiincrease water runoff and exacerbate the problem she currently experiences. Further, she is opposed to the Petitioners' dwelling extending to within 5 feet of her property line. She feels that this will affect

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July 1, 1993

Mr. Norman Seff ADKIM Builders, Inc. 1221 Greenwood Road Baltimore, MD 21208

> RE: Case No. 93-115-A Melvin N. Kramer, et ux

Dear Mr. Seff:

Enclosed please find a copy of the final Opinion and Order issued this date by the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County in the subject matter.

Sincerely,

Administrative Assistant

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cc: Dr. & Mrs. Melvin N. Kramer Howard L. Alderman, Jr., Esquire Dr. & Mrs. Leon Gordis People's Counsel for Baltimore County P. David Fields Lawrence E. Schmidt Timothy M. Kotroco W. Carl Richards, Jr. Docket Clerk /ZADM Arnold Jablon, Director /ZADM

IN RE: PETITION FOR ADMIN. VARIANCE

N/S Sugarcone Road, 462' W of the c/l of Greenspring Avenue DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER (2406 Sugarcone Road) 3rd Election District

\* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

2nd Councilmanic District \* Case No. 93-115-A

Melvin N. Kramer, et ux Petitioners

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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This matter comes before the Deputy Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Administrative Variance filed by the owners of the subject property, Melvin N. and Debbie G. Kramer. The Petitioners request relief from Section 1B02.3.B (Section 205.3 of the 1955 Regulations) to permit a west side yard setback of 5 feet in lieu of the required 15 feet, for a proposed addition, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

It should be noted that this request was originally filed through the Administrative Variance procedure. Subsequent to the posting of the property, a request for public hearing was filed by the adjoining property owners, Dr. and Mrs. Leon Gordis. This matter was then scheduled for a hearing which took place on December 7, 1992.

Further, it was also noted at the hearing held in this matter that an additional variance is needed for the existing structure due to the fact that the dwelling is located 14.5 feet from the east side property line in lieu of the minimum required 15 feet. The Petition was amended accordingly and the case proceeded.

Appearing at the hearing on behalf of the Petition were Melvin N. Kramer, property owner, and Norman Seff, with ADKIM Builders, Inc., the Contractor. Appearing as Protestants in the matter were Elie Gordis, who

was represented by Howard L. Alderman, Jr., Esquire, and Annyee Baylin, and Edith Weiss, nearby property owners.

Testimony and evidence presented indicated that the subject property, known as 2406 Sugarcone Road, consists of .48 acres, more or less, zoned D.R. 2 and is improved with a single family dwelling and in-ground swimming pool. The Petitioners are desirous of constructing an addition on the west side of the subject property, approximately 5 feet from the adjoining property line with the Gordis property. The Petitioners propose an extensive addition to their home with an estimated construction cost of approximately \$65 - \$75,000. Melvin Kramer testified that the proposed addition will expand existing bedroom and closet areas and provide additional living space for his growing family. Mr. Kramer testified that his family has outgrown their home, but that they do not want to move because they enjoy the neighborhood. Mr. Kramer testified that in his opinion, the proposed addition will not have any detrimental effect on property values in the neighborhood and will not adversely effect the health, safety or general welfare of the surrounding community. Testimony further indicated that the requested variance on the east side of the property is necessary in order to bring the existing dwelling into compliance with current zoning regulations. Mr. Kramer testified that he did not learn that a variance was necessary for the existing dwelling until he filed for

Further testimony presented by Mr. Kramer revealed that a water problem exists between his property and the Gordis property on the west side. Mr. Kramer testified that the proposed addition and improvements to the site will ameliorate the water problem which currently exists. Norman Seth of ADKIM Builders, Inc., testified as to what efforts they propose to

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her quiet enjoyment of her property and should not be permitted. Also, Mrs. Gordis stated that she does not know at this time whether or not permission will be granted to the Petitioners' Contractor to encroach upon her property in order to make any improvements to the grading on the sub-

Also appearing in opposition to the Petitioners' request were Edith Weiss, who resides at 2411 Sugarcone Road, and Annyee Baylin, who resides at 2412 Sugarcone Road. Both of these neighbors stated that they are opposed to the granting of the requested variance for the proposed addition in that they believe it would have a detrimental effect on their property values. Furthermore, they stated that should the variance be granted, the houses would be too close together.

An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and his property. McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must meet the following:

> 1) whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily

2) whether the grant would do substantial injustice to applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give substantial relief; and

3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28 (1974).

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should be denied. There was insufficient evidence to allow a finding that the Petitioners would experience practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship if the requested variance were denied. It has been established that there currently exists a water problem and in the opinion of this Deputy Zoning Commissioner, the size and extent of the proposed addition will only exacerbate the problem. Furthermore, no permission has been granted by Mr. & Mrs. Gordis to allow Mr. Kramer's contractor to encroach upon their property in order to perform grading improvements on the subject site. It is my opinion that granting this variance would have a detrimental effect upon the general welfare of the community, and particularly, upon Mr. & Mrs. Gordis. Therefore, the variance requested must be denied. However, the variance for the east side of the dwelling shall be granted in order to bring the property into compliance with current zoning regulations. Testimony indicated that the subject variance is necessary only to legitimize existing improvements on the property.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the relief requested shall be granted in part and denied in part.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this 17th day of December, 1992 that the Petition for Zoning Variance requesting relief from Section 1B02.3.B (Section 205.3 of the 1955 Regulations) to permit a west side yard setback of 5 feet in lieu of the required 15 feet, for a proposed addition in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby DENIED; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Zoning Variance requesting relief from Section 1B02.3.B (Section 205.3 of the 1955 Regulations) to permit an east side yard setback of 14.5 feet in lieu of the

required 15 feet, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restriction:

i) The Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioners would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

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Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

December 17, 1992

Suite 113 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

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Mt. & Mrs. Melvin N. Kramer 0406 Sugarcone Road Baltimore, Maryland 21209

RE: PETITION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE N'S Sugarcone Road, 462' W of the c/l of Greenspring Avenue (2406 Sugarcone Road) Ird Election District - 2nd Councilmanic District Melvin N. Kramer, et ux - Petitioners

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Kramer:

Case No. 93-115-A

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petition for Zoning Variance has been granted in part and denied in part in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact Ms. Charlotte Radcliffe at 887-3351.

Very truly yours,

Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

IMK:bjs

co: Mr. Norman Seth ADKIM Builders, Inc. 1221 Greenwood Road, Baltimore, Md. 21208

Dr. & Mrs. Leon Gordis 2408 Sugarcone Road, Baltimore, Md. 21209

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# Petition for Administrative Variance

93-115-A to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at

2406 SULMICONE ROAD

which is presently zoned DR 35

This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management.

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s) 1 BD2.3 B (1955 RGBS SELTION 205.3) TO ALLOW & SIDEYMOD SETBACK OF S' IN LIEU OF THE REQUITED 15'

of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or NEED TO EXPAND BEDROOM AND CLOSET ATSAS

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Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations. t, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

			I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition.
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Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County ITEM #: 126

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published in THE JEFFERSONIAN, a weekly newspaper published in Towson, Baltimore County, Md., once in each of \_\_\_\_ successive weeks, the first publication appearing on 1112, 1992.

THE JEFFERSONIAN.

Affidavit in support of Administrative Variance The undersigned hereby affirms under the penalties of perjury to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, as follows: That the information herein given is within the personal knowledge of the Affiant(s) and that Affiant(s) is/are competent to testify thereto in the event that a public hearing is scheduled in the future with regard thereto.

That the Affiant(s) does/do presently reside at 2406 SUGATIONE ROAD BALTIMORE MD 21209 That based upon personal knowledge, the following are the facts upon which I/we base the request for an Administrative Variance at the above address: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty) NEED TO EXPAND BEDICOM AND GLOSET NEWS AS OUT CHILDREN ARE CIOWING UP WE NEED ADDITIONAL SPACE AS NEEDED, A REAV ADDITION IS NOT POSSIBLE DUE TO EXISTING HERFBY CERTIFY, this 25th day of degreed, 1992, before me, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, in and for the County aforesaid, personally appeared

We Higher and Debbie of Trames the Affiants(s) herein, personally known or satisfactorily identified to me as such Affiantt(s), and made oath in due form of law that the matters and facts hereinabove set forth are true and correct to the best of his/her/their knowledge and belief. AS WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal.

My Commission Expires: 7/20/95

PUBLIC HEARING FEES

11: -IONING VARIANCE (IRL) 180 -POSTING SIGNS / ADVERTISING 1 X AST NAME OF OWNER: KRAMER

**REQUEST FOR HEARING** 

Petitioner(s): Melvin & Debbie Kramer Location: 2406 Sugarcone Road

X/WE, Dr. and Mrs. Leon Gordis

\*\*Mana(s) ---- (TYPE OR PRINT)  $\{\chi\}$  Legal Owners  $\{\chi\}$  Residents, of 2408 Sugarcone Road

Baltimore, Maryland 21209 484-7308 immediately adjacent to which is located xxxxxxxxx \_\_\_\_xxxxxxxx

Dr. and Mrs. Leon Gordis Miderana 1 29 Oct 92 Howard L. Alderman, Jr., Esq. Legal Counsel to Dr. and Mrs. Gordis

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Begining at a point on the north side of Sugarcone which is 60' wide at the distance of 462 west of the centerline of the nearest improved intersecting street Greenspring Avenue which is 75' wide. Being known and designated as lot #4 in block A, as shown on Plat 3, Section 1, and resubdivison of lot #1. Block C, parcels A and C, Plat 1, section 1 greengate which plat is recorded among the land records of Battimire County in plat Book 36, Folio 107, containing .48 acre, also known as 2406 Sugarcone Road.

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Account: R-001-6150

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND FFICE OF FINANCE - REVENUE DIVISION SCELLANEOUS CASH RECEIPT

II West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-3353

Melvin and Debbie Kramer 2406 Sugarcone Road Saltimore, Maryland 21209

DATE: / 1 24 9-

TASE NUMBER: 93-115-A (Item 126) N/S Sugarcone Road, 402' W of c/l Greenspring Avenue 1406 Sugarcone Road Erd Election Sistrict - Ind Councilmanic Petitioner(s): Melvin N. Kramer and Debbie S. Kramer

HEARING: MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1992 at 9:00 a.m. in Rm. 118, 01d Courthouse.

Dear Petitioner(s):

Flease be advised that  $\frac{5}{4}$   $\frac{5}{5}$   $\frac{5}{6}$  is the far advertising and posting of the above captioned property and bearing date.

THIS FEE MOST BE PAID AND THE ZONING SIGN & POST SET(S) RETURNED ON THE DAY OF THE HEARING OR THE ORDER SHALL NOT ISSUE. DO NOT REMOVE THE SIGN & POST SET(S) FROM THE PROPERTY UNTIL THE DAY OF THE HEARING.

Please forward your check via return mail to the Zoning Office, County Office Building, 111 W. Thesapeage Avenue, Room 109, Towson, Maryland 21204. Place the case number on the check and make same payable to Sautimore County, Maryland. In order to avoid delay of the issuance of proper credit and/or your Order, immediate attention to this matter is suggested.

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Melvin Kramer, ET UX Location of property: N/S Sugarcono Rd. 162 F/ Grans gring from
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Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management

I West Chesapeake Avenue

Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-3353

NOTICE OF HEARING

MOV. O 4 1992

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204

Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

CASE NUMBER: 93-115-A (Item 126) M/S Sugarcome Road, 462' W of c/l Greenspring Avenue 2406 Sugarcone Road 3rd Election District - 2nd Councilmanic Petitioner(s): Melvin N. Kramer and Debbie G. Kramer HEARING: MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1992 at 9:00 a.m. in Rm. 118, Old Courthouse.

Variance to allow a side yard setback of 5 feet in lieu of the required 15 feet.

Saltimore County

cc: Melvin and Debbie Kramer Adkim Builders, Inc. Howard L. Alderman, Jr., Esq.

NOTE: HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMPODATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353.

County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

OLD COURTHOUSE, ROOM 49 400 WASHINGTON AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 (410) 887-3180 Room 48, Old Courthouse

February 3, 1993

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT

NO POSTPONEMENTS WILL BE GRANTED WITHOUT GOOD AND SUFFICIENT REASONS. REQUESTS FOR POSTPONEMENTS MUST BE IN WRITING AND IN STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 2(b). NO POSTPONEMENTS WILL BE GRANTED WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS OF SCHEDULED HEARING DATE UNLESS IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH

RULE 2(c), COUNTY COUNCIL BILL NO. 59-79.

CASE NO. 93-115-A

Hearing Room -

400 Washington Avenue

MELVIN N. KRAMER, ET UX N/s Sugarcone Road, 462' W of c/l of Greenspring Avenue (2406 Sugarcone Road) 3rd Election District; 2nd Councilmanic District

VAR -side yard setbacks

12/17/92 -D.Z.C.'s Order DENYING in part and GRANTING in part w/restrictions. Petition with restrictions.

ASSIGNED FOR:

THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 1993, AT 10:00 a.m.

cc: Norman Seff (Adkim Builders, Inc.) on behalf of Dr. & Mrs. M. Kramer Petitioner/Appellant

Dr. & Mrs. Leon Gordis

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

-Public Services : : : P. David Fields Lawrence E. Schmidt Timothy M. Katroco W. Carl Richards, Jr. Docket Clerk - Zoning Arnold Jablon, Director of Zoning Administration

Howard L. Placeman, In., Esquire Counsel for Dr. & Mrs. Leon Gordis

Baltimore County Government

Office of Zoning Administration

and Development Management

Office of Planning & Zoning

October 26, 1992

RE: Item No. 126, Case No. 93-115-A

The Doming Plans Advisory Committee (ZAC) has reviewed the plans

submitted with the above referenced petition. The attached comments

from each reviewing agency are not intended to indicate the

appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all

parties. i.e. Coming Commissioner, attorney and/or the petitioner, are

made sware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed

Enclosed are all comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC

that offer or request information on your petition. If additional

comments are received from other members of ZAC, I will forward them

to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed

in the nearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on the

date of the enclosed filing certificate and a hearing scheduled

The following comments are related only to the filing of future

zaming petitions and are aimed at expediting the petition filing

The Director of Zoning Administration and Development

Management has instituted a system whereby seasoned zoning

attorneys who feel that they are capable of filing petitions that

comply with all aspects of the zoning regulations and petitions

filing requirements can file their petitions with this office

without the necessity of a preliminary review by Zoning personnel.

improvements that may have a bearing on this case.

Petitioner: Melvin N. Kramer, et ux

Petition for Administrative Variance

Kathleen C. Weidenhammer Administrative Assistant

(410) 887-3353

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County Board of Appeals of Bultimore County OLD COURTHOUSE, ROUM 49 400 WASHINGTON AVENUE

TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 Hearing Room -(410) 887-3180 Room 48, Old Courthouse February 3, 1993 400 Washington Avenue

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ASSIGNED FOR:

THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 1993, AT 10:00 a.m.

con Norman Seff (Adkim Builders, Inc.) Petitioner/Appellant on behalf of Dr. & Mrs. M. Kramer

Ir. & Mrs. Leon Gordis Feople's Counsel for Baltimore County

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# County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

OLD COURTHOUSE, ROOM 49 400 WASHINGTON AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 (410) 887-3180

Hearing Room -Room 48, Old Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue

February 24, 1993 NOTICE OF REASSIGNMENT

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which was scheduled for hearing on June 17, 1993 has been REASSIGNED at the request of Counsel for Protestants (Protestant's schedule conflict); and has been

TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 1993, AT 10:00 a.m. REASSIGNED FOR:

cc: Norman Seff (Adkim Builders, Inc.) on behalf of Dr. & Mrs. M. Kramer Petitioner/Appellant

Counsel for Protestants Howard L. Alderman, Jr., Esquire Dr. & Mrs. Leon Gordis Protestants

People's Counsel for Baltimore County out

P. David Fields Lawrence E. Schmidt Timothy M. Kotroco W. Carl Richards, Jr. Docket Clerk - Zoning Arnold Jablon, Director of Zoning Administration

> Kathleen C. Weidenhammer Administrative Assistant



# County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

OLD COURTHOUSE, ROOM 49 400 WASHINGTON AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 (410) 887-3180

Hearing Room -Room 48, Old Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue

November 15, 1993

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT /ON REMAND FROM CIRCUIT COURT

NO POSTPONEMENTS WILL BE GRANTED WITHOUT GOOD AND SUFFICIENT REASONS. REQUESTS FOR POSTPONEMENTS MUST BE IN WRITING AND IN STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 2(b). NO POSTPONEMENTS WILL BE GRANTED WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS OF SCHEDULED HEARING DATE UNLESS IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 2(c), COUNTY COUNCIL BILL NO. 59-79.

CASE NO. 93-115-A

MELVIN N. KRAMER, ET UX N/s Sugarcone Road, 462' W of c/l of Greenspring Avenue (2406 Sugarcone Road) 3rd Election District; 2nd Councilmanic District

11/05/93 -Remand Order of the Circuit Court filed (remanded by joint request of parties).

Has been scheduled on the Board's docket to a mutually confirmed date for the purpose of putting agreement of parties on the record only; and has been

ASSIGNED FOR:

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1993, AT 9:30 a.m.

on behalf of Dr. & Mrs. M. Kramer Petitioner/Appellant

cc: Norman Seff (Adkim Builders, Inc.)

Howard L. Alderman, Jr., Esquire Counsel for Protestants Dr. & Mrs. Leon Gordis Protestants

P. David Fields Lawrence E. Schmidt Timothy M. Kotroco

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

W. Carl Richards, Jr. Docket Clerk - Zoning Arnold Jablon, Director of Zoning Administration

> Kathleen C. Weidenhammer Administrative Assistant

111 West Chesapeake weble

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin N. Kramer

2406 Sudarcone Road

References WE TIME

Dear Mr. ani Mrs. Kramer:

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process with this office.

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Johang Plans Advisory Committee Comments Date: October 26, 1992

Anyone using this system should be fully aware that they are responsible for the accuracy and completeness of any such petition. All petitions filed in this manner will be reviewed and commented on by Coming personnel prior to the hearing. In the event that the pertion has not been filed correctly, there is always a possibility that another hearing will be required or the Johing Commissioner will deny the petition due to errors or \_mcompleteness.

Attorneys, engineers and applicants who make appointments its file petitions on a regular basis and fail to keep the appointment without a 71 hour notice will be required to submit the appropriate filing fee at the time future appointments are rade. Failure to keep these appointments without proper advance postice. i.e. 71 hours, will result in the forfeiture loss of the filing fee.

W. Jarl Richards, Jr.

Toning Operdinator

Enclosures

con Mr. Lewis Hibes Adkim Builders Inc. 1021 Greenwood Road Baltimore, MD 01008

**Baltimore County Government** Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management Office of Planning & Zoning

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-3353

Your petition has been received and accepted for filing this 9th day of October, 1992.

Zoning Plans Advisory Committee

Petitioner: Melvin N. Kramer, et ux Petitioner's Attorney:

FINAL TOTALS COUNT 10

prwybevelopers engineering Division (Public Services) Development Review Committee Response Form
Authorized signature Olimes O. Kungg Date 10/26/92 File Number Waiver Number Zoning Issue Meeting Date April L. and Wayne M. Rother 10-19-92 DED DEPRM RP STP TE York Stevenson Limited Partnership DED DEPRM RP STP TE Cheryl Cronin DEC DEPRM RP STP TE Operating engineers Local No. 37 DED DEPRM RP STP TE Baltimore Gas And Electric Company Comment DED DEPRM AP STP TE St Paul's Boy'S and Girls school of St. Paul's Parish DED DEPRM RP STP TE Melvin N. and Debbie G. Kramer DED DEPRM RP STP TE John Henry and Elaine Eleanor Baker DED DEPRM RP STP TE Lewis Brooks Ramsey DED DEPRM RP STP TE COUNT 9 Stonegate at Patapsco (Azreal Property) 90476

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FINAL TOTALS

COUNT 10

Maryland Department of Transportation

O. James Lighthizer Secretary Hal Kassoff Administrator

Ms. Julie Winiarski Zoning Administration and Development Management County Office Building Room 109

Re: Baltimore County Item No.: #126 (156)

111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Ms. Winiarski:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not effected by any State Highway Administration

Please contact David Ramsey at 410-333-1350 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

Engineering Access Permits

My telephone number is \_\_\_\_\_\_

Teletypewriter for Impaired Hearing or Speech
383-7555 Baitimore Metro - 565-0451 D.C. Metro - 1-800-492-5062 Statewide Toll Free 707 North Calvert St., Baltimore, Maryland 21203-0717

# BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To: Armold Jablon, Director Coming Administration and

DATE: October 20, 1992

FROM: Ervin Mc Daniel, Chief Office of Planning and Zoning Development Review Section

levelopment Management

SUBJECT: Petitions from Zoning Advisory Committee (October 20, 1992)

The lifture of Planning and Zoning has no comments on the following petition(s):

Baltumore Gas & Glectric Company, Item No. 124 It a Box a School of St Paul's Parish, Item No. 125 Melvin and Deppie Kramer, Item No 126 Jann and Elaine Baker, Item No 127

if there should be any further questions or if this office can provide additional The Atlant please contact Francis Morsey in the Office of Planning at 887-3211.

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DPW/Traffic Engineering Development Review Committee Resionse Authorized signature Project Name File Number Waiver Number Meeting Date April L. and Wayne M. Rother DED DEPRM RP STP TE York Stevenson Limited Partnership DED DEPRM RP STP TE Cheryl Granin DED DEPRM RP STP TE ✓ Operating engineers Local No. 37 123 N/C DED DEPRM RP STP TE Baltimore Gas And Electric Company DED DEPRM RP STP TE St Paul's Boy'S and Girls school of St. Paul's Parish DED DEPRM RP STP TE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Melvin N. and Debbie G. Kramer DED DEPRM RP STP TE John Henry and Elaine Eleanor Baker DED DEPRM RP STP TE Lewis Brooks Ramsey DED DEPRM RP STP TE COUNT 9 Stonegate at Patapsco (Azreal Property) COUNT 1

**Baltimore County Government** Fire Department

700 East Joppa Road Suite 901 Towson MD 21204-5500

OCTOBER 16, 1992

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(410) 887-4500

Arnold Jablon Director Zoning Administration and Development Management Baltimore County Office Building Towson, MD 21204

RE: Froperty Owner: MELVIN N. KRAMER AND DEBBIE G. KRAMER Location: #2406 SUGARCONE ROAD

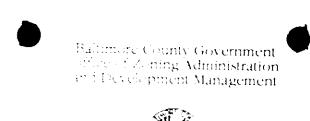
Item No.: \*126 (LJG) Zoning Agenda: OCTOBER 19, 1992 Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

5. The buildings and structures existing or proposed on the site shall comply with all applicable requirements of the National Fire Protection Association Standard No. 101 "Life Safety Code", 1988 edition prior to occupancy.

Special Inspection Division

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(410) 887-3353

January 25, 1993

Baltimore County Board of Appeals Jlá Jourthouse, Room 49 400 Mashington Avenue Towson: Maryland 21204

Jase No. 33-115-A

RE: Fetition for Administrative Variance % S Sugarcone Road, 462' W of the c/1 of Greenspring Avenue \_416 Sugarcone Road) 3rd Election District, 2nd Councilmanic District MELTIN N. KRAMER, ET UX - Petitioner

Dear Board:

Flease be advised that an appeal of the above-referenced case was Files in this office on 210.00 by Norman Seff, President of ADKIM Suilsers. Inc., on behalf of Dr. and Mrs. Kramer. All materials relative to the case are being forwarded herewith.

Flease notify all parties to the case of the date and time of the appeal hearing when it has been scheduled. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

> Zoning Administration and Development Management

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33: 3r. & Mrs. Melvin N. Kramer, 2406 Sugarcone Road, Balto. MD 21209 Norman Seff - ADKIM Builders, Inc.

1231 Greenwood Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21208 Dr. & Mrs. Leon Gordis - 2408 Sugarcone Road, Balto. MD 21209

People's Counsel of Baltimore County old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, MD 21204

#### <u>APPEAL</u>

Petition for Administrative Variance (N/S Sugarcone Road), 462' W of the c/l of Greenspring Avenue (2406 Sugarcone Road) 3rd Election District - 2nd Councilmanic District MELVIN N. KRAMER, ET UX - PETITIONER Case No. 93-115-A

Petition for Administration Variance

Description of Property

Certificate of Posting

Certificate of Publication

Entry of Appearance of People's Counsel

Zoning Plans Advisory Committee Comments

Director of Planning & Zoning Comments (Included with ZAC Comments)

Petitioner(s) and Protestant(s) Sign-In Sheets

Petitioner's Exhibits: 1. Plan to accompany petition

3. Artist's drawing of new addition

2. & 4. Photographs of property 5. Affidavit in support of petition

Protestant's Exhibits: 1. None

Deputy Zoning Commissioner's Order dated December 17, 1992 (Denied in part; Granted with restrictions in part)

Notice of Appeal received on January 14, 1993 from Norman Seff, President of ADKIM Builders, Inc. on behalf of Dr. and Mrs. Melvin Kramer

cc: Dr. & Mrs. Melvin N. Kramer, 2406 Sugarcone Road, Balto. MD 21209

Norman Seff - ADKIM Builders, Inc. 1231 Greenwood Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21208

Dr. & Mrs. Leon Gordis - 2408 Sugarcone Road, Balto. MD 21209

People's Counsel of Baltimore County Rm. 304, County Office Bldg., Towson, Md. 21204

Request Notification: P. David Fields, Director of Planning & Zoning Patrick Keller, Office of Planning & Zoning Lawrence E. Schmidt, Zoning Commissioner Timothy M. Kotroco, Deputy Zoning Commissioner W. Carl Richards, Jr., Zoning Coordinator Docket Clerk Arnold Jablon, Director of ZADM Public Services

MELVIN N. KRAMER, ET UX N/S Sugarcone Road), 462' W of the c/l of Greenspring Avenue (2406 Sugarcone Road)

3rd Election District

#93-115-A

Petition for Variance to allow a side yard October 9, 1992 setback of 5 ft. in lieu of the required 15 ft. (need to expand bedroom and closet areas as our children are growing up. We need additional space. A rear addition is not

possible due to existing pool. Comments of Baltimore County Zoning Plans October 26 Advisory Committee.

Publication in newspapers. November 12

November 20 Certificate of Posting of property.

Hearing held on Petition by the Deputy Zoning December 7 Commissioner.

December 17 Order of the Deputy Zoning Commissioner DENYING Petition for Zoning Variance for west side yard setback for a proposed addition; GRANTING Petition for Zoning Variance for east side yard setback.

Notice of Appeal received from Norman Seff, January 14, 1993 President of ADKIM Builders, Inc. on behalf of

the Petitioners.

Hearing before the Board of Appeals. June 1

> Opinion and Order of the Board DENYING Petition for Variance for west side yard setback; GRANTING Petition for Zoning Variance for east side yard setback.

Notice For Filing Order For Appeal (Petition for Judicial Review) filed in the Circuit Court for Baltimore County by Melvin N. Kramer, Appellant (Petitioner).

Certificate of Notice sent to interested August 5 parties.

> Transcript of testimony filed; Record of Proceedings filed in the Circuit Court for Baltimore County. \*No transcript provided to Board. Motion for

Extension of Time to File Record filed in the Circuit Court on September 27, 1993. Foint Request to Remand to the County Board of Appeals

of Baltimore County filed by parties. Remand Order of the Circuit Court /agreement reached by parties.

11/15/93 - Following parties notified of hearing set for December 7, 1993 at 9:30 a.m. /on remand from Circuit Court by joint request of parties; for purpose of putting agreement on

Norman Seff (Adkim Builders, Inc.) on behalf of... Dr. & Mrs. M. Kramer Dr. & Mrs. Leon Gordis People's Counsel for Baltimore County P. David Fields Lawrence E. Schmidt Timothy M. Kotroco W. Carl Richards, Jr. /ZADM Docket Clerk /ZADM Arnold Jablon, Director /ZADM

2/03/93 - Following parties notified of hearing set for June 17,

Norman Seff (Adkim Builders, Inc.) on behalf of Dr. & Mrs. M. Kramer Dr. & Mrs. Leon Gordis People's Counsel for Baltimore County out P. David Fields Lawrence E. Schmidt Timothy M. Kotroco W. Carl Richards, Jr. Docket Clerk - Zoning Arnold Jablon

1993 at 10:00 a.m.:

1927 93 -Ltr from Norman Seff. Adkim Builders, Inc., Appellant, requesting early nearing case prior to June should such date become available.

2 02 93 -Ltm from CBA to Mr. Seff; letter will be held in file and consideration given if tage decimes available prior to scheduled date of June 17th.

2 12 93 -Litr from Howard Alderman, Esquire -Counsel for Dr. & Mrs. Gordis; advising that he was inadventently omitted from file by Zoning; requesting postponement since Dr. Bordis will be out of town date of June 17th and intends to partitipate in hearing before Board.

2 24 93 Wittite if Peassignment sent to above parties advising of reassignment to Tuesday. June 1. 1993 at 10:00 a.m.

7 12 93 -Mittion to Reconsider filed by M. Kramer; requesting the Board's reconsideration of its Spinion and Order issued July 1, 1993 which cented variance for proposed addition.

7 16 93 -Amenament to acove Motion to Reconsider -- in light of additional classivery regarding sale of property at 2408 by protestant at proceedings define Board.

County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

OLD COURTHOUSE ROOM to 400 WASHINGTON AVERUE TOWSON, MARYLAND 21201 (410) 887 3180

Mr. Norman Seff, President Aikim Builders, Inc. 1221 Greenwood Road Faltimore, MD 21208

> Re: Case No. 93-115-A Melvin N. Kramer, et ux

lear Mr. Seff:

The Board is in receipt of your recent correspondence regarding the above-referenced case.

This appeal has been scheduled for hearing before the Board on Itarsday, June 17, 1993, at 10:00 a.m. as indicated by the enclosed it tice of Assignment. At this time the Board has no earlier date n its docket to which this case could be assigned. We will however keep your letter on file should an appropriate date become available which would permit sufficient time for rescheduling, at which time we would confirm availability of all parties involved.

Very truly yours,

fathere a Chapman to ready Kathleen C. Weidenhammer Administrative Assistant

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Dr. & Mrs. Melvin N. Kramer
Dr. & Mrs. Leon Gordis
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

OLD COURTHOUSE, ROOM 49 400 WASHINGTON AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 (410) 887-3180

August 5, 1993

Dr. Melvin N. Kramer 2406 Sugarcone Road Baltimore, MD 21209

> RE: Case No. 93-115-A MELVIN N. KRAMER

Dear Dr. Kramer:

In accordance with Rule B-7(a) of the Rules of Procedure of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, the County Board of Appeals is required to submit the record of proceedings of the appeal which you have taken to the Circuit Court for Baltimore County in the above-entitled matter within sixty days.

The cost of the transcript of the record must be paid by you. In addition, all costs incurred for certified copies of other documents necessary for the completion of the record must also be at your expense.

The cost of the transcript, plus any other documents, must be paid in time to transmit the same to the Circuit Court not later than sixty days from the date of any petition you file in Court, in accordance with Rule B-7(a).

Enclosed is a copy of the Certificate of Notice which has been filed in the Circuit Court.

Very truly yours,

Charlette E. Rudolyfe. Charlotte E. Radcliffe Legal Secretary

Enclosure

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Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management Office of Planning & Zoning

Flease be advised that your Petition for Administrative Zoning Variance has been assigned the above case

1: Your property will be posted on or before October 25, 1992. The closing date is November 9, 1992.

The classing date is the deadline for a neighbor to file a formal request for a public hearing. After the

closing date, the file will be reviewed by the Zoning or Deputy Zoning Commissioner. At that time, an Order

issue. This Order may (a) grant the requested relief, (b) deny the requested relief, or (c) demand that

the matter be set in for a public hearing. You will receive written notification as to whether or not your

2) In cases requiring public hearing (whether due to a neighbor's formal request or by Order of the

3) Please be advised that you must return the sign and post to this office. They may be returned after

PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT ON THE DATE AFTER THE POSTING PERIOD. THE

PROCESS IS NOT COMPLETE. THE FILE MUST GO THROUGH FINAL REVIEW AND

THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS. WHEN THE ORDER IS READY IT WILL BE

FORWARDED TO YOU VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL. ORDERS ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR

James E. Schmidt

Zoning Commissioner, Baltimore County

Commissioner), the property will be reposted and notice of the hearing will appear in a Baltimore County

newspaper. Charges related to the reposting and newspaper advertising are payable by the petitioner(s).

the closing date. Failure to return the sign and post will result in a \$50.00 charge.

DISTRIBUTION PRIOR TO BEING MAILED TO YOU.

number. May contact made with this office should reference the case number. This letter also serves as a

NOTICE: N/S Sugarcone Road, 462' W of c/l Greenspring Avenue

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2406 Sugarcone Road

petition has been granted, denied, or will go to public hearing.

refrester recarding the administrative process.

(410) 887-3353

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

Baltimore County Government

Office of Zoning Administration

and Development Management

(410) 887-3353

OCTOBER 29,1992

Melvin and Debbie Kramer 2406 Sugarcone Road Baltimore, Maryland 21209

Re: CASE NUMBER: 93-115-A

Dear Petitioners:

A formal REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING has been filed in your case.

As you recall, this matter must now go through the regular hearing process; the property must be reposted and notice of the hearing will be placed in two local newspapers. You will be billed for these advertising costs.

Formal notification of the hearing date will be forwarded to you

Very truly yours,

Baltimore County, Maryland

Adkim Builders, Inc. Howard L. Alderman, Jr., Esq.

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III West Chesapeake Avenue

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Baltimore, Maryland 21209

Dear Petitioner(s):

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TELECOPIER 410-298-181. October 29, 1992

HAND DELIVERED

Arnold Jablon, Director Zoning Administration and Development Management 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Formal Request for Public Hearing Case No.: 93-115-A

Dear Mr. Jablon:

We represent Dr. and Mrs. Leon Gordis who reside at 2408 Sugarcone Road, Baltimore, Maryland. Dr. and Mrs. Gordis have recently observed a sign posted on the property immediately adjacent to theirs, regarding a requested variance and which has been assigned the above-referenced case number.

In accordance with Baltimore County Code Section 26-127(B)(1), our clients hereby request that a public hearing be held on the relief requested in the above-referenced case. I have enclosed herewith, this firm's check in the amount of Forty Dollars with respect to the hearing request, as well as the completed "Request for Hearing" form provided by your office.

Should you need any additional information regarding this matter in advance of scheduling the public hearing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

ELLIS LEVIN (1893-1960)

HLAJr/ls Enclosures (2)

cc: Dr. and Mrs. Leon Gordis Ardrew R. Sandler, Esquire

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HOWARD L. ALDERMAN, IR. December 29, 1992



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Timothy Kotroco, Esquire Deputy Zoning Commissioner Office of the Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner Old Courthouse, Room 115 Towson, MD 21294

RE: Correction of Parties Case No. 93-115-A Melvin N. Kramer, et ux Petitioners

Dear Mr. Kotroco:

I have just received and reviewed your decision in the abovereferenced matter. For the record, there needs to be a correction of the parties as identified therein. At the hearing, I represented Dr. and Mrs. Leon Gordis who reside at 2408 Sugarcone Road. The Gordis' son, Blie Gordis, was also in attendance at the hearing in opposition to the requested relief.

LAW OFFICES

All references to testimony by Mrs. Gordis should refer to Mrs. Hadassah Gordis. I believe that your decision makes reference to Mrs. Elie Gordis.

I do not believe that an amended Order is necessary. I would only request that this letter be made a part of your file for purposes of clarification.

Thank you for your continued attention to this matter.

HLA, Jr./gk

cc: Dr. and Mrs. Leon Gordis Mr. and Mrs. Melvin N. Kramer

BALTIMORE OFFICE MERCANTILE BANK & TRUST BUILDING 2 HOPKINS PLAZA BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21201 410-539-3700

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ELLIS LEVIN (1893-1980)

HOWARD L. ALDERMAN, IR.

February 10, 1993

LAW OFFICES

William T. Hackett, Chairman County Board of Appeals for Baltimore County Old Courthouse Room 49 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Melvin N. Kramer, et ux Case No.: 93-115-A Request for Postponement

Dear Chairman Hackett:

This firm represents Dr. and Mrs. Leon Gordis in connection with their opposition to the relief requested in the above-referenced case. I formerly entered my appearance before the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County and provided representation at the zoning hearing. Apparently, the Zoning Commissioner's Office has failed to include my name on the list of legal counsel in this matter. I have not received directly, either the Notice of Appeal or the Notice of Assignment.

I received a call from our clients, in connection with the Notice of Assignment dated February 3, 1993, and a copy of a letter to Mr. Norman Seff, President of Adkim Builders, Inc., that my clients received.

I am advised that Dr. Leon Gordis will be out of the State on the scheduled day of the hearing, June 17, 1993. Please be advised that Dr. and Mrs. Leon Gordis intend to participate at the hearing, therefore, in accordance with Board Rule 2(b) I am hereby requesting a continuance and that the hearing be reset as soon after June 17, 1993 as the schedule of the Board provides.

Should you have any questions, or should you need additional information in evaluating this request, as always, please do not hesitate to contact me.

> Very truly yours, Howard & alderman J. Howard L. Alderman, Jr.

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PETITIONER(S) SIGN-IN SHEET

Amold Jablon, Esquire Room 109 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 December 31, 1992 Dear Mr. Jabion. Please be advised that petitioners Dr. and Mrs. Kramer desire to file an appeal on the decision that was rendered on case number 93-115-A regarding the request for a petition on the administrative variance PETTION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE N/S Sugarcone Road, 462' W of the c/l of Greenspring Avenue (2406 Sugarcone Road) 3rd Election District- 2nd Councilmanic District Melvin N. Kramer, et ux. - Petitioners Case No 93-115-A if any questions arise please contact Norman Seff of Adkim Builders, Inc., 1221 Greenwood Road Battimore, Md. at 486-6027 or Dr. Melvin Kramer at 484-9135. Norman Seff, President Adkim Builders, Inc. HON 1221 Greenwood Rd. • Baltimore, Maryland 21208 • (410) 486-6027 • FAX 486-0818 • M.H.I.C. #12452 Designing Your Dreams

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Kathy Widenhammer Administrative Assistance Baltimore County Board of Appeals Old Court House Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: PETITION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE N/S Sugarcone Road, 462' W of the c/l of Greenspring Avenue (2406 Sugarcone Road) 3rd Election District- 2nd Councilmanic District Melvin N. Kramer, et ux. - Petitioners Case No 93-115-A

Dear Ms. Widenhammer:

I am sending this letter, as per our conversation on 1/22/93, to request the need that a date for hearing of the appeal regarding the Kramer residence be set swiftly. As a result of the nature of the project we are performing there is a need to produce plans and specifications that s greatly hindered because of a trail date set in June. We respectfully request that this hearing take place at your earliest possible convenience. If there is anything I or my office can do to facilitate or encourage this process please call Adkim Builders, Inc., 1221 Greenwood Road, Baltimore MD 21208 at 486-6027

f there are any questions or concerns please feel free to call. Thank you for your

Sincerety,

Norman Seff, President Adkim Builders, Inc.



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Dr. & Mrs. Melvin N. Kramer 2406 Sugarcone Road Baltimore, Maryland 21209 (301) 484-9135

VIA FAX 887-5708

December 8, 1992

Timothy M. Kotroco, Esq. Deputy Zoning Commissioner Old Courthouse, Room 113 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

RE: Case Number 93-115-A (Item 126) N/S Sugarcone Road 462' W of c/l Greenspring Avenue 2406 Sugarcone Road

Dear Mr. Kotroco:

Pursuant to the hearing of yesterday whereby we requested that the County grant us a "variance to allow a side yard setback of 5 feet in lieu of the required 15 feet" at the aforereferenced property, I would like to offer the following additional information. After the hearing, we went over to the Zoning Office in the County Office Building to return the signs and had an interesting and substantive discussion with Mr. Laurence J. Goetz, Planning and Zoning Associate, who had been immensely helpful to us in terms of assuring that the proper forms and protocol be fully executed.

I questioned Mr. Goetz as to a statement which opposing counsel, Howard L. Alderman, Jr., Esq., made in reference to the burden that Mr. Alderman stated that your granting our petition would place on the Gordis family/property by virtue of the fact that they would be required by the Zoning regulations to obtain a variance if they should sometime in the future decide or desire to have additional windows placed on the side of their house which faces ours. This I believe was refereed to as a "window to window set back". After researching this issue with Mr. Goetz and his checking some County documentation, he stated to us that that requisite does not apply to the Greengate development. Therefore, at least Mr. Alderman made an honest mistake, or at worst he was trying to mislead Your Honor that, indeed, granting the variance to us would adversely affect the Gordis family/property. Of course, they have since 1974 not sought to place windows on that side of their house.

Timothy M. Kotroco, Esq. December 8, 1992 Page Two

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cc: Dr. and Mrs. Leon Gordis Norman Seff, President

I appreciate the opportunity to call this to your attention. I was not sure of the proper protocol, but your most kind secretary, Mrs. Novack, stated to me that it would be appropriate for me to write this letter to clarify that point to you for you to consider in your deliberations.

Thank you again for your patience and understanding in hearing our matter and I shall look forward to hearing your decision when it is



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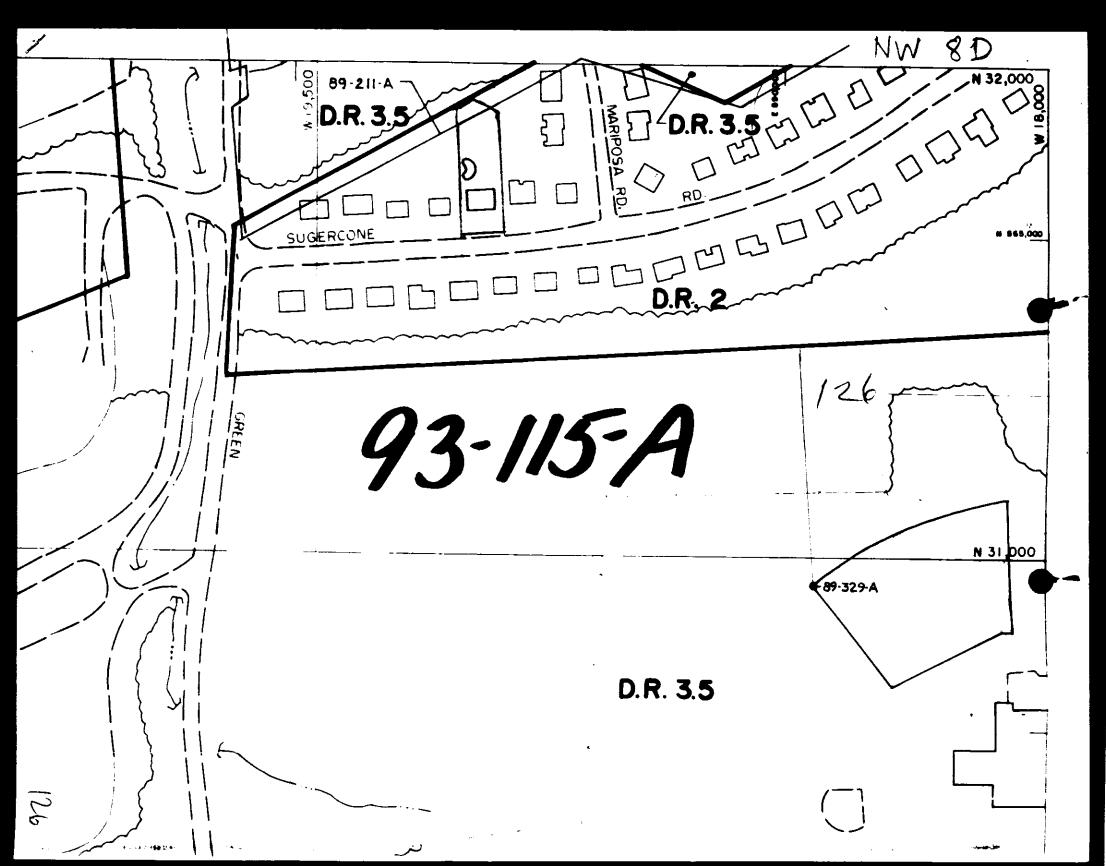
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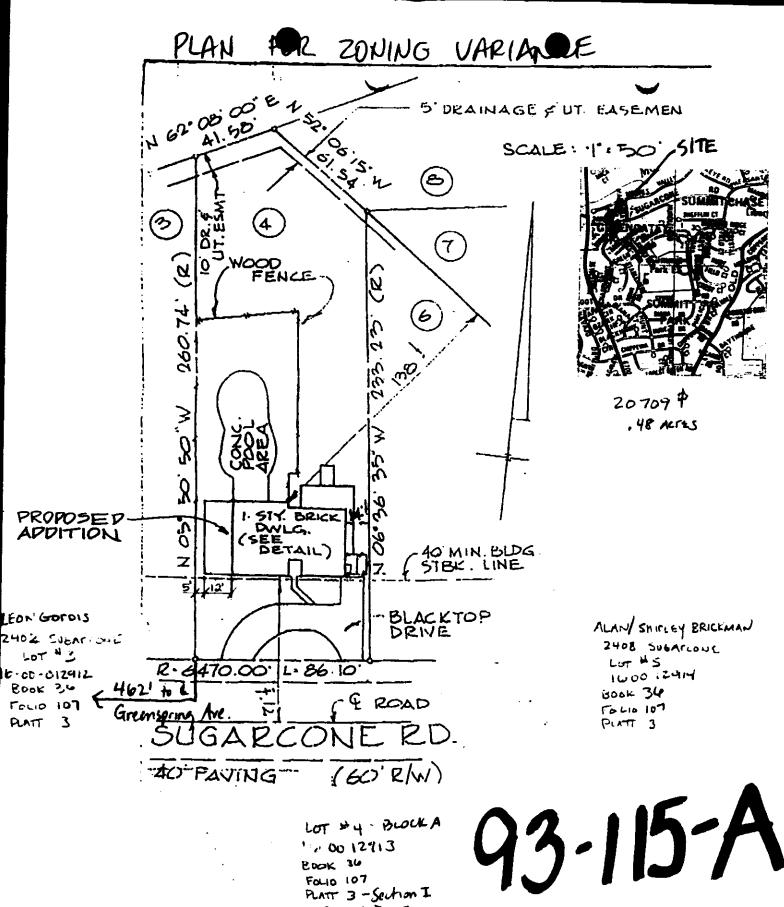
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# PETITIONER'S EXILBIT

DEBBIE G KRAMER 2406 SUGARCONE ROAD BALTIMORE MD 21209

Ampellant's Ex #

# AGREEMENT AND DECLARATION DECOVENANTS

THIS AGREEMENT AND DECLARATION OF COVENANTS (hereinafter the Noverther.

day of October, 1993 by and between MELVIN N. KRAMER and DEBBIE G. KRAMER, his wife (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Petitioners") and LEON GORDIS and HADASSAH GORDIS, his wife (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Respondents")

# RECITALS:

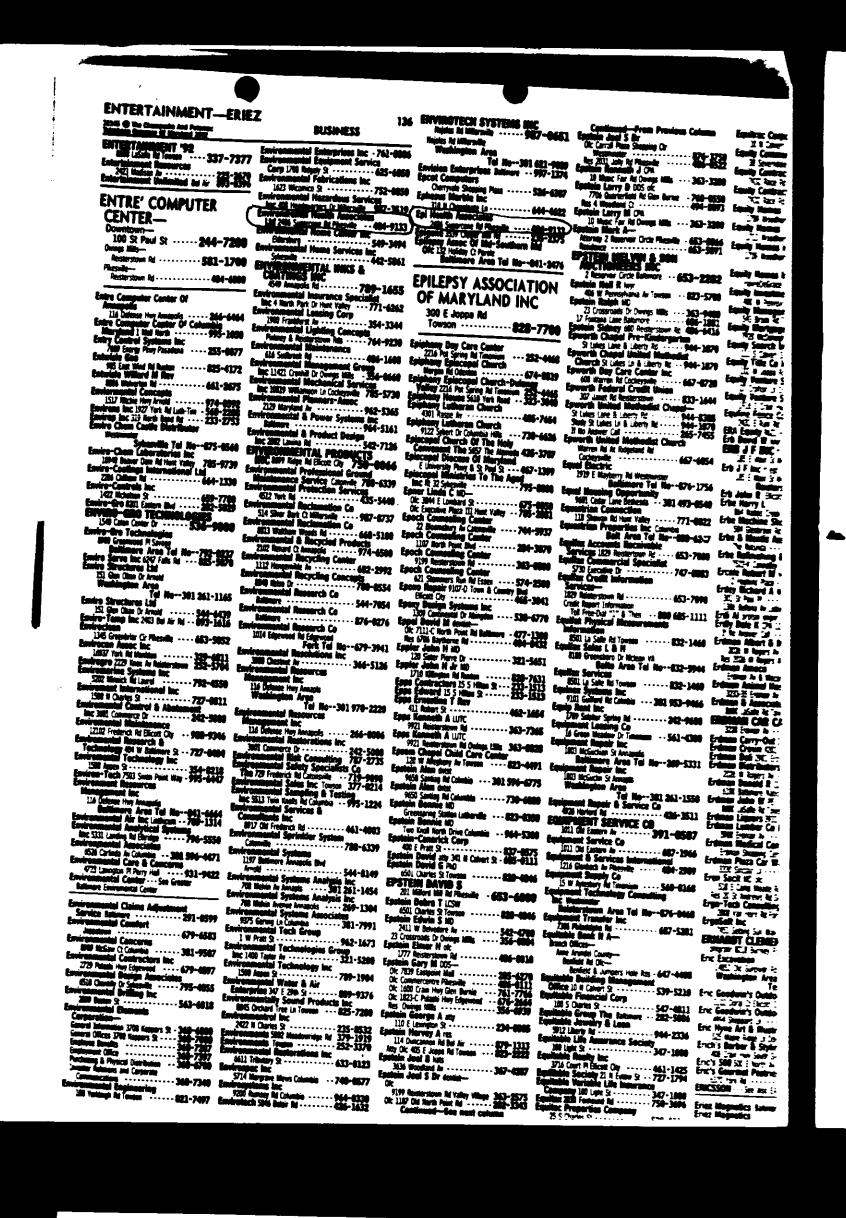
WHEREAS, the Petitioners own the real property known as 2406 Sugarcone Road, located in the 3rd Election and 2nd Councilmanic Districts of Baltimore County; and WHEREAS, the Respondents own the real property known as 2408 Sugarcone Road, which property adjoins that of Petitioners; and

WHEREAS, the Petitioners filed a petition for an administrative residential variance (the "Petition") from the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR") to reduce the required setback for a residential structure on Petitioner's property to a total of Five feet in lieu of the required Fifteen feet from the common property line between Petitioner's and Respondent's properties (the "common property line"); and

WHEREAS, Respondents filed with the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County a request that a public hearing be held on Petitioner's variance request; and WHEREAS, in Case No. 93-115-A, the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for

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# AFFIDAVIT We, the undersigned owners of 2407 Sugarcone Road, known as Lot 5 on Block C of the Greengate development, of the re-subdivision of Lot 1, Block C, Parcels A and C, contained on Plat 3, Section 1, of the Greengate subdivision, dated March 24, 1973, submitted and approved by the Baltimore County Planning Board on May 15, 1973, do hereby make freely and willingly, and without compensation, the following statements in support of the proposed addition and request for a variance to reduce the setback at 2406 Sugarcone Road, known as Lot 4 on Block A, which is directly across Sugarcone Road from our property. We are the most affected neighbor since our house faces 2406 Sugarcone Road and will be physically seeing the new addition. We have seen the artist's rendering of this new addition and are in support and have no objections or reservations to Melvin and Debbie Kramer improving their property and having the setback reduced to five (5) feet from the property line.

We do not understand the objection posed by the neighbors residing at 2408 Sugarcone Road since, in effect, they do not face the proposed addition and, in fact, have only two windows from their club basement which would face the new addition as they currently face the existing structure. They have no other windows from any bed room or other rooms in their house facing the Kramer's property.

As parents of two children raised in our house, I can certainly understand the need for additional space since the Kramers have three (3) children and the bathrooms and closets are extremely small since the houses were built close to twenty (20) years ago.

The Kramers have been neighbors of ours for approximately eight-and-a-half (8-1/2) years, and whatever improvements they have made either inside their house or outside their house (siding, roof, windows, etc.) have always been first class and in a manner to improve the physical appearance and quality of their house as well as our neighborhood.

Contrary to what we have heard from others, we do not believe that our property value or any other property value in the neighborhood will be altered, either higher or lower, by the proposed addition and the changes which will occur by the granting of the variance.

We, therefore, unconditionally support their request for said variance and would hope that the honorable County officials would grant their request, particularly since this addition will "affect us" more than any other neighbor or resident on Sugarcone Road.

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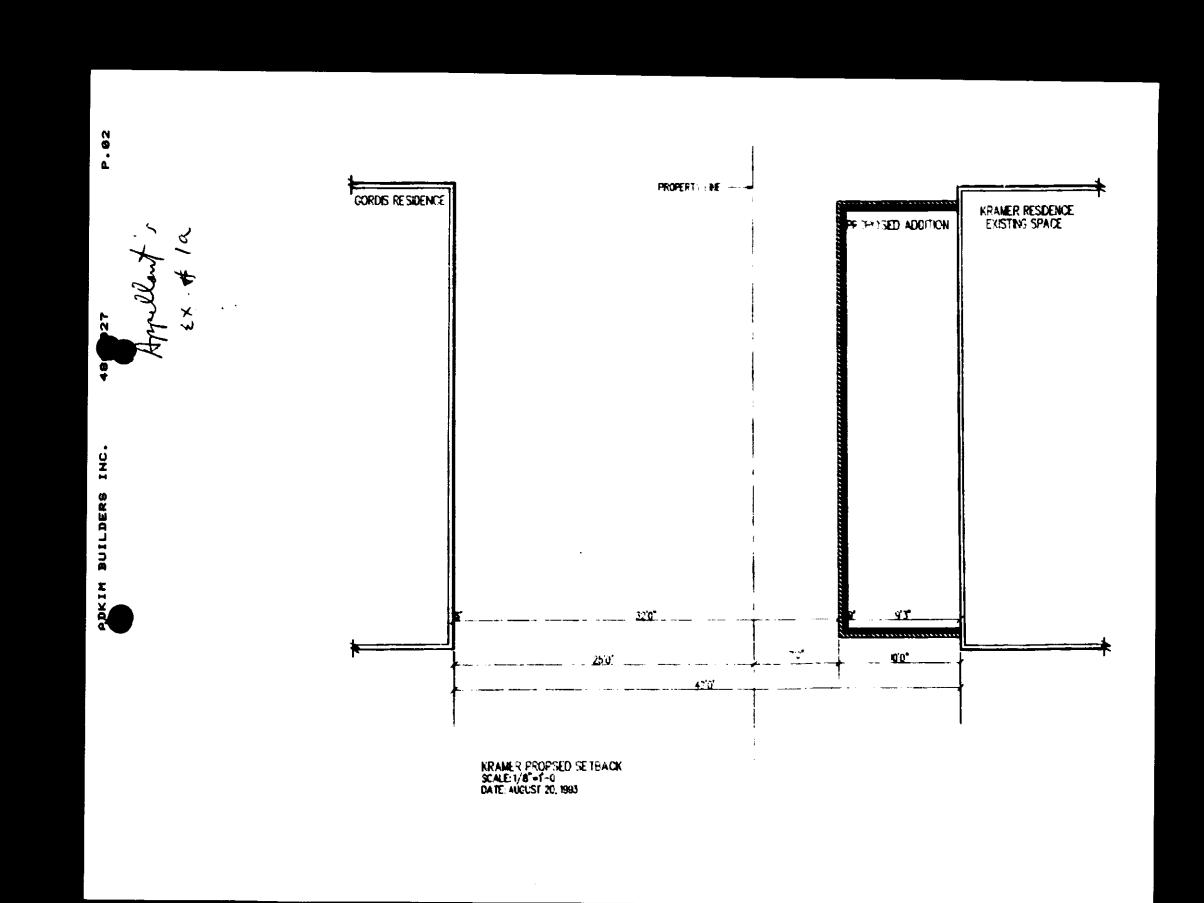
Phyllis B. Cutler STATE OF MARYLARD, SOUNTY OF BALTIMORE:

Sworn and subscribed to before me this

My Commission expires 3/20/95.

PETITION OF: MELVIN N. KRAMER, ET UX CIVIL ACTION # 93-CV-06848 /58/130 IN THE MATTER OF MELVIN N. KRAMER, ET UX

RECEIVED FROM THE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS EXHIBITS, BOARD'S RECORD EXTRACT & TRAMSCRIPT FILED IN THE ABOVE-ENTITLED CASE, AND ZONING COMMISSIONER'S FILE AND EXHIBITS \*No Transcript filed in the C. B. of A.







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PHOTOGRAPHIC MAP

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF \* CIRCUIT COURT MELVIN N. KRAMER ET UX 2406 SUGARCONE ROAD 462' WEST OF C/L OF GREENSPRING AVENUE (2406 SUGARCONE ROAD) 3RD ELECTION DISTRICT BALTIMORE COUNTY 58/130/93CU6848 2ND COUNCILMATIC DISTRICT \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* 50 6

AFTER DUE CONSIDERATION OF THE JOINT REQUEST TO REMAND TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY FILED BY MELVIN N. KRAMER ET UX, 2406 SUGARCONE ROAD, 462' WEST OF C/L OF GREENSPRING AVENUE (2406 SUGARCONE ROAD), 3RD ELECTION DISTRICT, 2ND COUNCILMATIC DISTRICT, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

CASE #58/130/83CU6848 IS HEREBY REMANDED TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION IN LIGHT OF THE AGREEMENT BY THE PARTIES.

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FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No. 93-115-A

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

PETITION OF MELVIN N. KRAMER, ET UX 2406 Sugarcone Road Baltimore, MD 21209

FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THE DECISION OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY Room 49, Courthouse, 400 Washington Towson, MD 21204

No. 93-CV-06848 IN THE CASE OF: IN THE MATTER OF MELVIN N. KRAMER, ET UX For a Variance on property located on the North Side of Sugarcone Road, 462' \* West of c/l of Greenspring Avenue (2406 Sugarcone Road) 3rd Election District 2nd Councilmanic District

> \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE ZONING COMMISSIONER AND THE BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

\* CIVIL

ACTION

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

And now come Judson H. Lipowitz, John G. Disney and S. Diane Levero, constituting the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County, and in answer to the Petition for Judicial Review directed against them in this case, herewith return the record of proceedings had in the above-entitled matter, consisting of the following certified copies or original papers on file in the Office of the Zoning Commissioner and the Board of Appeals of Baltimore County:

No. 93-115-A

October 9, 1992

Petition for Variance to allow a side yard setback of 5 ft. in lieu of the required 15 ft. (need to expand bedroom and closet areas as our children are growing up. We need additional space. A rear addition is not possible due to existing pool.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this \_\_\_\_ day of September 1993, a copy of the foregoing MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE RECORD was hand delivered to the County Board of Appeals, of Baltimore County, Old Courthouse, Room 49, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204, and mailed, first class mail, postage prepaid, to Dr. and Mrs. Leon Gordis, Protestants, 2408 Sugarcone Road, Baltimore, MD 21209, and to Howard L. Alderman, Jr., Esq., Counsel for Dr. and Mrs. Leon Gordis, Protestants, 305 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, MD 21204.

> Melvin N. Kramer 2406 Sugarcone Road Baltimore, MD 21209 (410) 484-9135

Appellant

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MELVIN N. KRAMER ET UX \* CIRCUIT COURT 2406 SUGARCONE ROAD 462' WEST OF C/L OF GREENSPRING AVENUE (2406 SUGARCONE ROAD) 3RD BLECTION DISTRICT \* BALTIMORE COUNTY 58/130/93CU6848

2ND COUNCILMATIC DISTRICT

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AFTER DUE CONSIDERATION OF THE MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE RECORD FILED BY MELVIN N. KRAMER ET UX, 2406 SUGARCONE ROAD, 462' WEST OF C/L OF GREENSPRING AVENUE (2406 SUGARCONE ROAD), 3RD ELECTION DISTRICT, 2ND COUNCILMATIC DISTRICT, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THIS , 1993, THAT THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY WILL GRANT A 60-DAY EXTENSION TO FILE THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE JUNE 1, 1993, HEARING BEFORE THE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY.

No. 91-246-SPHA, Melvin N. Kramer, et ux

August 4

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Case No. 58/130/93-CV-06848 Comments of Baltimore County Zoning Plans October 26 Advisory Committee. Publication in newspapers. November 12 Certificate of Posting of property. November 20 Hearing held on Petition by the Deputy Zoning December 7 Commissioner. Order of the Deputy Zoning Commissioner December 17 DENYING Petition for Zoning Variance for west side yard setback; GRANTING Petition for Zoning Variance for east side yard setback. Notice of Appeal received from Norman Seff, President of ADKIM Builders, Inc. on behalf of January 14, 1993 the Petitioners. Hearing before the Board of Appeals. June 1 Opinion and Order of the Board DENYING July 1 Petition for Variance for west side yard setback; GRANTING Petition for Zoning Variance for east side yard setback. Order for Appeal filed in the Circuit Court for July 30 Baltimore County by Melvin N. Kramer, Plaintiff.

> Petition to accompany appeal filed in the Circuit Court for Baltimore County by Mr. Kramer.

> Certificate of Notice sent to interested parties. Transcript of testimony filed.

\* No transcript provided to Board. Motion for Extension of Time to File Record filed in the Circuit Court on September 27, 1993. (Copy attached).

Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1 -Photo -2404-2406 Sugarcone Rd 2 -Photo -2407-2409 Sugarcone Rd 3 -Photo -2405-2407 Sugarcone Rd 4 -Photo -2406-2408 Sugarcone Rd 5 -Photo -side of 2408 Sugarcone Rd 6 -Entire File -Photo -rear of Gordis Property 8 -Photo -side of Gordis Property

No. 91-246-SPHA, Melvin N. Kramer, et ux Case No. 58/130/93-CV-06848

9 -Photo -Slope-side Gordis Property 10 -Artist's rendering of Kramer Property with addition on left Protestant's Exhibit No. 1 -Copy of page from Yellow Pages showing Environmental Health and EPI Health Associates

September 28, 1993\* Record of Proceedings filed in the

Circuit Court for Baltimore County. \*Does not include transcript; not provided to Board.

Record of Proceedings pursuant to which said Order was entered and upon which said Board acted are hereby forwarded to the Court, together with exhibits entered into evidence before the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte E. Radcliffe Legal Secretary, County Board of Appeals, Room 49 Old Courthouse, Basement 400 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 (410) 887-3180

cc: Dr. & Mrs. Melvin N. Kramer Norman Seff - ADKIM Builders, Inc. Howard L. Alderman, Jr. Esquire Dr. & Mrs. Leon Gordis

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION \* IN THE OF MELVIN N. KRAMER ET UX FOR A VARIANCE ON PROPERTY \* CIRCUIT COURT LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF SUGARCONE ROAD, 462' WEST OF FOR C/L OF GREENSPRING AVENUE (2406 SUGARCONE ROAD) \* BALTIMORE COUNTY 3RD ELECTION DISTRICT 2ND COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT \* CG Doc. No. <u>58</u> \* Folio No. <u>130</u> MELVIN N. KRAMER -PLAINTIFF \* File No. <u>93-CV-6848</u> ZONING CASE NO. 93-115-A

\* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* CERTIFICATE OF NOTICE Madam Clerk:

Pursuant to the provisions of Rule B-2(d) of the Maryland Rules of Procedure, Judson H. Lipowitz, John G. Disney and S. Diane Levero, constituting the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County, have given notice by mail of the filing of the appeal to the representative of every party to the proceeding before it; namely, Dr. Melvin N. Kramer, 2406 Sugarcone Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21209, Plaintiff, Norman Seff - ADKIM Builders, Inc., 1221 Greenwood Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21208, Howard L. Alderman, Jr., Esquire LEVIN AND GANN, 305 W. Chesapeake Avenue. Towson, Maryland 21204, Attorney for Protestants, Dr. & Mrs. Leon Gordis, 2408 Sugarcone Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21208, Protestants, Michael B. Sauer, Esquire, c/o County Board of Appeais, Room 49, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204, a copy of which Notice is attached hereto and prayed that it may be made a part hereof.

Charlotte E. Radcliffe, Legal Secretary, County Board of Appeals, Room 49, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 (410) 887-3180

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93 SEP 27 PH 1: 06 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF \* CIRCUIT COURT MELVIN N. KRAMER ET UX 2406 SUGARCONE ROAD 462' WEST OF C/L OF GREENSPRING AVENUE (2406 SUGARCONE ROAD) \* BALTIMORE COUNTY 58/130/93CU6848 3RD ELECTION DISTRICT

2ND COUNCILMATIC DISTRICT \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE RECORD

Appellant, Melvin N. Kramer, hereby moves that the Circuit Court for Baltimore County grant a 60-day delay to file the transcript from the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County. The grounds for granting this extension are as follows:

(1) Appellants and their neighbors objecting to the original Application are nearing completion of serious discussion to lead to the withdrawal of their objection and filing of a joint request that this matter be remanded back to the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County from the Circuit Court for Baltimore County for final review and approval of our compromise agreement;

[2] I have spoken this date to the neighbors' counsel, Howard L. Alderman, Jr., Esquire, and he has no objection to the granting of this

(3, Mr. Alderman is waiting to hear from his clients as to the final point under discussion in order to resolve the issues between the parties; and

(4) Therefore, with the granting of this requested extension all matters can be either resolved and a Motion to Remand back to the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County be requested by both parties; or the court reporter can be given the necessary time to transcribe the transcript of the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County hearing of June 1, 1993, for appropriate filing with the honorable Court.

It is our understanding that the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County will file the record this date without the transcript for the aforementioned reason.

Melvin N. Krame: